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'Death on the Rock' witness lied for TV

Bank clerk made up story 'under pressure'

- **A claim in the *Death on the Rock* TVdocumentary was based on invented evidence, the Gibraltar inquest heard**
- **Mr Ken Asquez, a witness, said he was not prepared to sign the statement a television researcher gave him**
- **Mrs Carmen Proetta admitted that she could have been mistaken when she said the terrorists tried to surrender**
- ***Thames Television denied putting* any pressure on witnesses who were interviewed in the programme**

By Tony Dawe in Gibraltar and Richard Evans in London

A controversial claim about the killing of three IRA terrorists by the SAS in Gibraltar, made in the Thames Television programme *Death on the Rock*, was based on invented evidence contained in an unsigned statement, the Gibraltar inquest was told yesterday.

The documentary featured an anonymous interview which claimed that a soldier put his foot on the chest of Sean Savage, one of the IRA gang, as he lay dying on the ground and then pumped more bullets into him.

But the inquest was told that the interview was based word for word on an affidavit which the witness did not know was being prepared.

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When it was presented to Mr Ken Asquez, a bank clerk, by a Thames Television researcher he was unprepared to put his name to it.

Later the case against the SAS was further undermined by Mrs Carmen Proetta, who had said on *Death on the Rock* that two of the terrorists had put up their hands to surrender when they saw the soldiers.

Yesterday she agreed the gesture could have been one of shock. She also admitted there was uncertainty in her mind about who had fired the shots.

Mr Asquez yesterday not only retracted evidence contained in a handwritten statement he had made after the shootings, but told the inquest he only made the statement originally because of repeated pressure exerted on him by a retired major who was helping the Thames team. He understood Thames was prepared to make payments for an interview.

Mr John Laws, counsel for the Crown, told the inquest yesterday that Thames Television had still been prepared to put out to the public as evidence a statement from somebody they knew was unprepared to put his name to it.

The affidavit was drawn up by Mr Christopher Finch, a Gibraltar lawyer, who was then acting for Thames Television. He is also acting for the families of the IRA terrorist and sits behind their counsel, Mr Patrick McGrory, in the court.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority, which resisted government pressure to postpone the screening of the documentary until after the inquest, was last night being kept informed by Thames Television of developments.

"We understand that Thames Television are refuting any allegation of impropriety", a spokesman said.

When the IBA refused to bow to demands from the Foreign Secretary in April it justified its stance by saying *Death on the Rock* was a "responsibly made documentary".

Thames Television last night denied putting pressure on Mr Asquez or offering him money. But the revelations concerning the documentary provoked criticism from senior Conservative backbenchers.

Mr Michael Mates, MP for Hampshire East, said: "I bitterly complained about the programme being put out in the form it was at the time it happened because I never thought it was trying to get at the truth. It was trying to make a sensationalized story".

The unexpected and dramatic controversy over the television programme erupted when Mr Asquez, aged 20, was called to give evidence on the fourteenth day of the inquest into the deaths of Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Savage.

He said he had written out a statement about the soldier shooting Savage on the ground because of pressure exerted on him by Major Bob Randall, a retired Army officer who lives

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Mr Ken Asquez going in to give evidence yesterday. He retracted an earlier statement.

Stricken oil rig is floated off burning well

By Kerry Gill, Andrew Morgan and David Sapsted

The Ocean Odyssey exploration rig was successfully floated off its burning well in the North Sea yesterday.

However, survivors maintained that gas levels had far exceeded safety limits for some time before Thursday's blow-out, and that drilling had been suspended because of the unpredictable pressure.

The rig was floated off the well after specialist teams cut three of the eight anchor chains to help rescuers to go on board to search for Mr Timothy Williams, aged 25, from Kent.

Mr Williams, the rig's radio operator, stayed at his post to continue making distress calls while his colleagues evacuated the rig.

The apparent volatile state of the well was revealed as trade unions and MPs renewed their demands for an independent safety inspectorate for North Sea installations in the wake of the fire on the the rig, which was inspected only last week by the Department of Energy.

According to Mr James Murphy, a self employed mud engineer, gas levels aboard the Odyssey far exceeded safety limits for weeks before the accident.

Gas monitors on the rig had been indicating levels of up to 65 per cent on the drilling floor and more than 100 per cent on the lower levels of the massive exploratory platform.

He said: "We had unprecedented levels of gas on the rig and unprecedented gas pressure levels in the hole. It had been going on for six weeks. It was far and above the explosion limit.

"We were not working in a safe environment from that point of view. One or two people were overcome by gas and made made physically ill by its effects."

However, Mr Dennis Tower, exploration manager for Arco British, the company which had leased the rig, denied the allegations.

He said: "We have talked to our drilling people and it is important to note that there is an extensive network of gas detectors on the rig. We are not aware of any report that they have gone off, indicating gas even in small concentrations. Wells in this area expected to encounter high pressures. They are not uncommon and we were expecting to deal with the high pressures."

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Mr Robert Hendry, from Aberdeen, the engineer in charge of the operation to pump mud down the well shaft to hold back the gas, maintained that drilling had been stopped two weeks before the blow out because of the unpredictable nature of the gas flow from the well below.

Mr Hendry said that the flow could only be controlled by raking up the mud and

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OLYMPIC UPDATE

Another silver for Britain

The British team enjoyed further success in Seoul yesterday led by Nick Gillingham, who won a silver medal for the 200 metres breaststroke and twice broke the *British record set 12 years ago.*

On the opening day of the athletics Linford Christie beat Ben Johnson, the world-record holder, in the 100 metres heat and Cram, Elliot and McKean advanced to the next round of the 800 metres.

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Cheaper houses likely as buying slows

By Our City Staff

The demand for mortgages fell sharply last month, according to figures released yesterday by the Building Societies Association. The news came as the American Express Bank forecast that house prices were likely to fall in London, with the rest of the country following over the next two years.

While deposits continued to pour into building societies at more than £1 billion a month, the societies committed themselves in August to lending only £3,976 million, a fall of 25 per cent from July.

Mr Mark Boleat, Director-General of the Association, attributed the fall-off in demand to rising interest rates and the withdrawal of multiple mortgage interest tax relief.

The August figures showed actual lending of £5,686 billion, reflecting commitments made in the scramble to beat the July 31 tax cut off deadline.

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"The change in the regulations may have a depressing effect on the figures for some time to come." Mr Boleat said.

He believed Britain might have seen the peak in the housing market cycle. "There are now clear signs, in London and the south-east at least, that the housing market has moved from overheating to a more normal relationship between supply and demand."

The American Express Bank took a stronger line, saying the Chancellor's attempt to slow the economy through higher interest rates could result in house prices falling by nearly 15 per cent over the next two years, with serious consequences for debt arrears and the working of the housing market.

But the bank admitted that such a fall could be needed to cool Britain's overheated economy.

Britain set to upgrade relations with Tehran

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Corrspondent

Britain and Iran are expected to agree next week to upgrade their diplomatic relations, a move which could improve prospects for the three British hostages held in Beirut.

Talks between senior British and Iranian officials will be held in Geneva at the beginning of the week. Next Friday, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will meet Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, his Iranian counterpart, in New York.

The Times understands that the Government is now willing in principle to resume normal diplomatic relations and believes that it is now safe to send diplomats back to Tehran.

A senior Foreign Office official, probably an undersecretary, will discuss the level to which relations should be restored. Britain will insist that the two countries should have equal numbers of diplomats in each other's capitals, and that the British Embassy in Tehran should function on a normal basis.

Thatcher resumes Europe offensive

From Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent, Madrid

Mrs Thatcher continued her offensive against European bureaucracy yesterday when she made plain her opposition to moves for new regulations on company law and worker participation in industry as part of the Single European Market of 1992.

Her remarks, at a press conference in Madrid at the end of her four-day continental tour, will have been especially unwelcome to Spain, which takes over the European Economic Community presidency in January.

Together with M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, is a strong *advocate of "social space" and* "cohesion" — umbrella words for linking the removal of trade barriers to new Community-wide rules for companies and new rights for employees. Señor González will be using his six-month presidency to press ahead on those fronts.

But Mrs Thatcher dismissed such aspirations. "It's *a new piece of jargon.* I am never quite sure what it is, but if it means having a regulation on Community company law, something on worker participation, then I would oppose that particular thing. I am a democrat and I am a meritocrat, and I believe you get on by merit, not by giving particular privileges to one particular group," she said.

Señor González, flanking *the Prime Minister at the press* conference, diplomatically but firmly asserted the importance bringing equal opportunities to depressed regions and disadvantaged groups.

On the issue of Gibraltar, Mrs Thatcher had some tough words for the colony while reiterating that Gibraltar would stay British as long as that was the wish of its people. She said she wanted to see it

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Yard defends Lamplugh personal life

Suzy Lamplugh: Was simply "a modern young woman."

By Michael Horsnell

Scotland Yard yesterday *stepped into a publishing* controversy over the personal life of missing estate agent Suzy Lamplugh when it issued an unprecedented statement to protect her reputation.

The statement, by Assistant Commissioner Paul Condon, effectively refutes claims in a *book about her sex life which* have "absolutely devastated" her parents.

The book, by Mr Andrew Stephen, a journalist on *The Observer*, claims she had numerous lovers and was obsessed with men, money and marriage. It is to be serialized in *The Observer*.

After the failure of legal moves to prevent publication, by Faber & Faber, Miss Lamplugh's parents have had to settle for a disclaimer in the front of the book, *The Suzy Lamplugh Story*, dissociating *themselves from it.*

In his statement, Mr Condon, who until recently was deputy assistant commissioner for the Fulham area of west London where Miss Lamplugh disappeared, described her as simply a "modern young woman."

He said: "It is not the policy of the force to make moral judgements about the lifestyle of victims of crime. However in view of intense publicity and speculation about Suzy Lamplugh and her family we feel honour-bound to say that our *investigations revealed* nothing more than that Suzy was a modern young woman."

Mr Condon made his statement after consulting the officers in charge of the case. He is said by *colleagues to have* been concerned to defend her.

The police inquiry, which began in July 1986 when the young estate agent disappeared after showing a client round a house in Fulham, has been run down.

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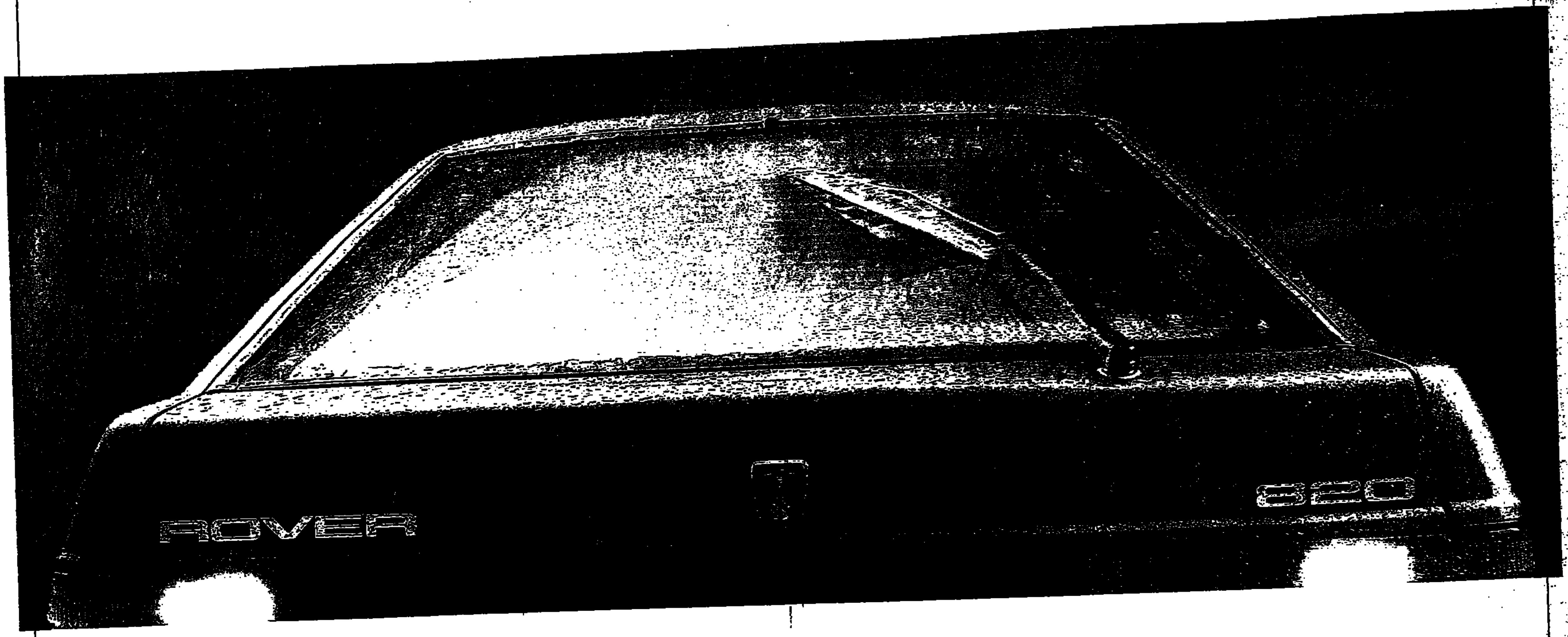

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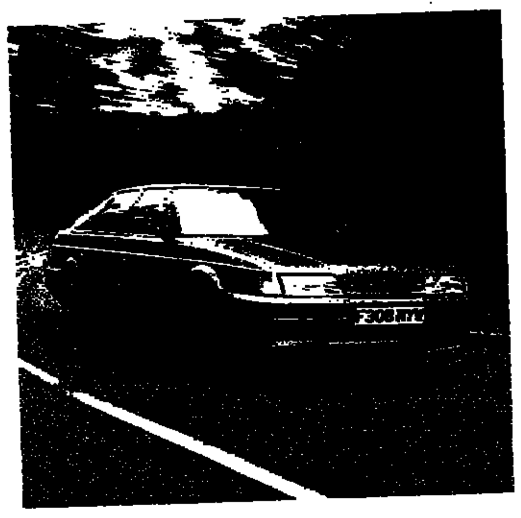

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Anger over 'token' payments to some Piper Alpha victims

By David Sapsted

Survivors of the Piper Alpha tragedy, some of whom suffered horrific burns in the oil rig explosion that claimed 167 lives in July, stand to receive only token payments of £3,500 each from the £4.59 million fund set up after the disaster.

In a decision bitterly criticized yesterday, the trustees of the Aberdeen-based fund have decided to devote virtually all the money raised by public subscription to bereaved families.

One of the survivors, unable to work since the explosion, said: "This is a disgraceful decision. Men's lives have been ruined but they stand to get practically nothing from the fund."

Social workers manning the Grampian Helpline, set up in Aberdeen in the wake of the tragedy to provide support for survivors and those bereaved, have become so concerned that they have asked the city's Lord Provost, Mr Robert Robertson, who heads the fund, to think again.

"There seems to be some confusion about the situation. Following our representations, the lord provost has said that individual applications from survivors for disbursements from the fund will be considered if they write in personally", a spokesman said.

"Our advice to survivors, many of whom are facing a difficult period, is to write as soon as possible."

Mr Dennis Wood, deputy director of finance in the lord provost's office, said: "The trustees have decided that distribution of the major part of the fund will be made at the end of this month.

"The trustees obviously consider that the major part of the fund should go to dependants. No further payments are going to be made to survivors at this time."

A total of 63 people survived the disaster, only nine of them employed by Occidental, the platform owners, with the rest working for subcontractors. Occidental staff have been retained on full pay but others, including 17 divers who survived, face permanent loss of pay unless they are able and willing to return to the North Sea.

An initial payment of £3,500 was made from the fund but, while the trustees assessed the needs of bereaved families, no further consideration has been given to survivors.

Mr Alan Miller, general secretary of the Professional Divers' Association, described the trustees' decision as "wrong and deplorable" and said the public had donated generously to the fund in the expectation the money would go to all those who had suffered.

"Hopefully, the survivors will receive compensation from the companies they were working for but, by the very nature of the cases, they could take much longer to sort out than insurance claims by families who have lost a breadwinner", he said.

"In the meantime, what are these men meant to do? Many will not be able to face returning to the North Sea and some will simply not be capable of doing so.

"How are they going to find work and what are they going to live on?" Mr Miller asked.

Mr Edward Punchard, aged 31, a father of three from Falmouth, Cornwall, has been unable to work since the disaster.

He survived by clambering down a rope dangling from the burning rig and was picked up by a rescue boat only to be forced to throw himself overboard to escape the heat of the second explosion.

"I do not think I will ever be able to return to the North Sea. I fear that at the first flicker of flame I would jump overboard.

"I am broke and fed up, but I am in a better state than many of the other fellows who might never recover either physically or mentally.

"I do not know what some of them will do. They have no money coming in and will not have until, and if, legal wrangles over compensation are sorted out. That could take years."

Bad weather and a technical hitch have delayed the raising of the seabed tomb of up to 113 men who died in the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

The oil company Occidental said yesterday that the raising of Piper Alpha's accommodation section, planned for this weekend, would now take place towards the end of next week.

It blamed a combination of weather and complications with one of the lifting slings.

The accommodation section, the size of a four-storey building, lies 474ft down, near the Piper Alpha platform. It will be raised and taken by barge to sheltered waters in the Orkney Islands to be searched for bodies.

Of the 167 men who died, the bodies of 113 have not yet been found — and most were thought to have been in the accommodation section when the platform exploded on the night of July 6.

The first stage of the lifting operation began yesterday when divers hooked up the accommodation module to a heavy-lift crane vessel. A steel cradle is already in place on the seabed 40 yards away from the accommodation module to accept it for lifting.

The first stage of the operation was for the module to be lifted 15 yards clear of the seabed and placed into position on top of the lifting cradle. But during that process one of the slings developed a "problem" and the module was lowered back on to the seabed.

Radio operator was rig hero

By Kerry Gill and David Sapsted

The missing Ocean Odyssey radio operator may have stayed aboard the blazing rig to maintain contact with the rescue services long after his 66 workmates had taken to the lifeboats.

Grampian police said last night that other survivors suggested that Mr Timothy Williams, aged 25, originally from Greenhithe, Kent, may have been on board 10 minutes after the first explosion.

He was believed to have kept contact throughout the ordeal with the support vessel Notts County, which played a vital part in the rescue. "He certainly gave regular reports to the ship during the build-up of gas that preceded the explosion", the coastguard said.

One of the final messages picked up from Mr Williams by a nearby oil platform read: "May Day, May Day, May Day. This rig is on fire... abandon rig."

Mr Williams, who was unmarried, was working on a North Sea rig for the first time. He was on holiday from his Hong Kong job and had taken the radio operator's post to raise money for a holiday flat in Hastings, East Sussex.

He was trained at the Merchant Navy College where senior lecturer, Mr Roger Taylor, said yesterday: "A radio officer must stay at the radio. If he had left, the rig's only communication with the mainland would have gone."

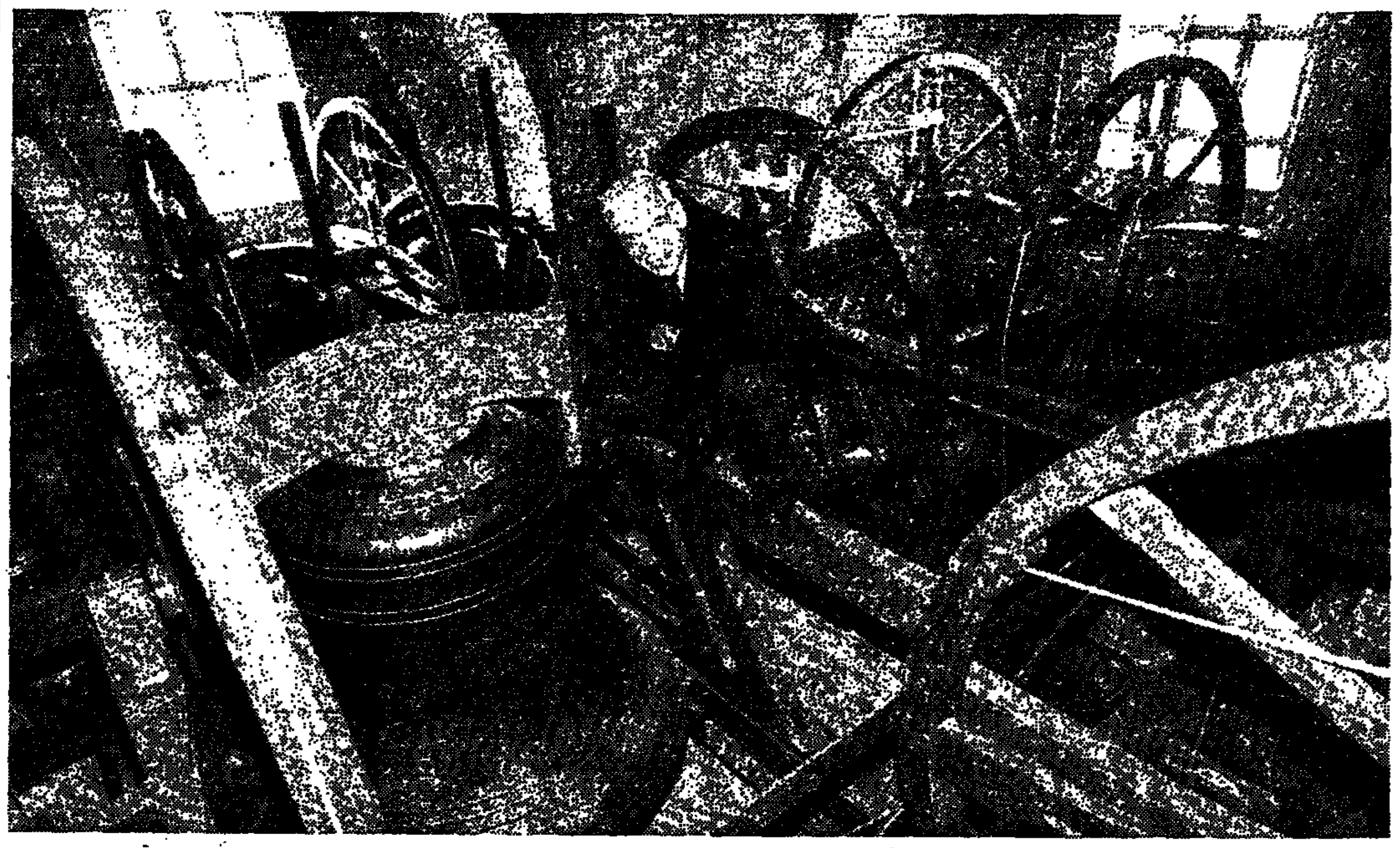
Nobody knows whether Mr Williams did make an effort to get into the sea.

● *The operation being* planned by Red Adair's firefighting crew from Texas, to stop gas rushing from the well being drilled by the Ocean Odessey, could be among the most complex yet tackled by the team (David Young writes).

They will first have to establish the state of the wellhead left on the seabed using television cameras aboard a remote-controlled ROV submersible. The best they can hope for is that the well can be tamed from the surface.

However, the high pressures and temperature of the gas encountered — the well was at depth of 16,000ft, about 4,000ft beyond where most big oil discoveries have so far been made — would indicate that a relief well may have to be drilled into the same underground structure to ease pressure, allowing hydraulic valves to be used. Such an operation would involve another semi-submersible.

New bells for old at St Martin's



Dr David Hardwick, church warden at St Martin-in-the Fields, before a service of inauguration today for a new ring of 13 bells hung in the tower. The 250-year-old ring of 12 heavily worn bells was sent to Perth, Western Australia, after refurbishment to teach the art of English change ringing. In return, metal from Australian mines was shipped to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for the casting of the new bells. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Aids phobia

Fear of psychiatric disorders allayed

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Fears of an epidemic of psychiatric disorders from brain damage caused by infection with the Aids virus have been dispelled by the latest research presented at an international conference in London yesterday.

The studies have disclosed a large group of "normal worried well" people who are convinced they have contracted the Aids virus, even though they are not in a recognized risk group. Their anxiety has reached a clinical condition.

Moreover, attempts to reassure them, including the evidence of blood tests showing them to be negative, only prolongs the problem, according to Dr David Miller, of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School in London.

His patients were in general well educated, middle-class men and women whose Aids phobia had put their jobs in jeopardy.

He told 500 delegates attending a meeting on the neuropsychiatric aspect of Aids that the condition of the patients improved only when they could explain their obsession, which was sometimes based on historic sexual guilt, and train themselves from worrying about illness into more positive activities.

Dr Miller described the knowledge of that group of patients as in the Mastermind class, and the prescribed treatment often included keeping them away from new films and books on the subject.

The impact of being tested for HIV was described by Dr Lawrence Jacobsberg from a study in progress of 300 people, who are undergoing six monthly psychiatric analysis and neurological tests.

At the Cornell Medical Centre, in New York, his research showed the subsequent distress for those who discover they are positive, but their emotional recovery, with counselling, takes two to three weeks.

The main evidence against the fear of early brain damage from infection by the Aids virus comes from Edinburgh in studies by a group working with Dr Guy Goodwin, of the Medical Research Council, Brain Metabolism Unit, and the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

The Edinburgh researchers have compared the recordings of brainwave patterns of groups of normal and infected individuals who are both carrying out various tests to assess their memory and manipulative skills.

There was litle to choose between them.

Sex abuse fathers 'could stay at home'

By Ruth Gledhill

Prison is not necessarily the right answer for every father who abuses his child, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, chairman of the Cleveland child sex abuse inquiry, said yesterday.

She called for an "urgent" look at alternative means of dealing with child offenders.

Judge Butler-Sloss, addressing the one-day Child Sexual Abuse Conference at the Central Hall in Westminster, London, said a prison sentence could be damaging because children could take the blame on themselves for the abuse.

When the father admitted the offence and was genuinely repentant, probation or therapy might be an alternative to prison, she said.

That would spare the child of the further agony of a court appearance.

In some cases, if the protection of the child was ensured, the father might be able to stay at home. But in other cases, prison would still be the only option.

Addressing 800 social workers, lawyers and child workers, she said: "We ought at least to explore the possibility of a more radical approach to dealing with the admitted offender in certain circumstances where it could be for the benefit of the child.

"It may perhaps surprise you to hear a lawyer and a judge put these suggestions forward. I think it is worthy at least of thought.

"I certainly do not mean by that that the violent offender should be let off.

"But we ought, in these modern times, at least to look at various approaches to dealing with the offender as well as the child if some other approach might be more beneficial."

She said that "for obvious reasons" she did not take this position in the inquiry. "But I think it is an area that urgently needs to be explored."

She also urged agencies to "look further at the arrangements for children who may be at risk and who by being removed may become double victims.

"We ought not to make their situation worse in their eyes by our efforts to protect them."

She added: "I feel very strongly about the sort of case where a child is removed on suspicion of abuse, kept away from home for some months, and by the time it comes, as it must inevitably come, to court, it is obvious the child will be going home.

"Doctors and social workers, among other disciplines, need to know more about the legal requirements."

She said lawyers also needed training to deal with child abuse cases.

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● Every palaeolithic potato now has a place in history, thanks to modern archaeological methods. Starting next Tuesday, a four-part series fits the jigsaw together. Plus: a competition with prizes worth more than £2,500.

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● There were two winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition. Miss Mavis Butterworth, a geologist, of Maxted Road, Birmingham, said she might invest her £2,000. The second winner was from north London.

● There is £226,000 to be won in Portfolio Accumulator, or the weekly £8,000 prize Today's game: **Pages 23, 28**

Pigsty homes

Converted pig sties in Landmere Lane, Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, are selling fast as £200,000 houses.

Vicious attacker gets nine years

A drug dealer was jailed for nine years yesterday for a series of vicious attacks which left one of his victims suffering from broken bones, partial deafness, insomnia and without a job.

Patterson Mark attacked Mr Leonard Smith, aged 61, with a claw hammer after tricking his way into the man's flat in Abinger Grove, Deptford, east London, in April of last year.

Mark, aged 27, of Deptford, also attacked a woman aged 36 and a prison guard, the Central Criminal Court was told.

He attacked Mr Smith, a former Grenadier Guardsman and British Telecom executive, after being allowed into the man's flat to call the police about an alleged theft.

Mr David Paget, for the prosecution, said Mr Smith did his best to fight off the much younger man, "but was seriously injured".

Mark, who was allegedly high on a mixture of drugs, tried to stab Mr Smith in the eye with a nail file and then hit him repeatedly over the head with a claw hammer. Mr Smith eventually lost consciousness.

Mr Smith, who was had recently had a hernia operation, suffered multiple bruising, a fractured jaw and eight fractured ribs. He was in hospital for three weeks and now has insomnia. He had to give up his job of 37 years.

Later, Mark stabbed a prison officer in the eye while being taken to Pentonville Prison. He had attacked Linda Dixon 15 minutes before the assault on Mr Smith. She was hit with a wheel brace.

Judge Hayman said Mr Smith would not have been injured so severely had he not put up a struggle.

Afterwards, Mr Smith criticized the judge's comment and the sentence. "I was fighting for my life... he should have got life".

Anaesthetics for babies

MP apologizes for attack

By Anthony Hodges

Sir Bernard Braine, the chairman of the all-party parliamentary Pro-Life Group, has apologized for his criticism of new anaesthesia techniques used during heart surgery on babies. Sir Bernard, who said the techniques were barbarous and unnecessary, has said that he fundamentally misunderstood the work.

Sir Bernard Braine: misunderstood work.

His apology comes after letters giving detailed explanations of the trials from Sir John Walton, president of the General Medical Council, and Professor Albert Aynsley-Green, the surgeon who carried out the operations.

Sir John said Sir Bernard's criticisms had been inaccurate and damaging and Professor Aynsley-Green said he had been gravely libelled.

Sir Bernard's comments came after publication of an account in the *Lancet* of operations to compare conventional anaesthesia, nitrous oxide and curare, with an experimental technique adding Fentanyl, an opiate anaesthetic.

That was prompted by a study in which Professor Aynsley-Green concluded that newborn infants undergoing routine surgery, particularly when receiving nitrous oxide and curare, were experiencing substantial stress.

Fentanyl proved to be a more effective anaesthetic and the work won the Michael Blacow Prize of the British Paediatric Association.

After reading the account in the *Lancet*, Sir Bernard, the Conservative MP for Castle Point, condemned the operations which, he said, had denied the babies painkillers. He and 13 other MPs requested a GMC investigation.

Sir Bernard has made a public apology to Professor Aynsley-Green and his colleagues for his misunderstanding of their work.

He acknowledged that the trials had been aimed at discovering more effective anaesthetics and not, as he had suggested, to test whether the babies could feel pain.

"It is now clear to me that the trials which I criticized, far from being barbarous and unnecessary, have in fact been a valuable contribution to more humane treatment of pre-term infants", he said.

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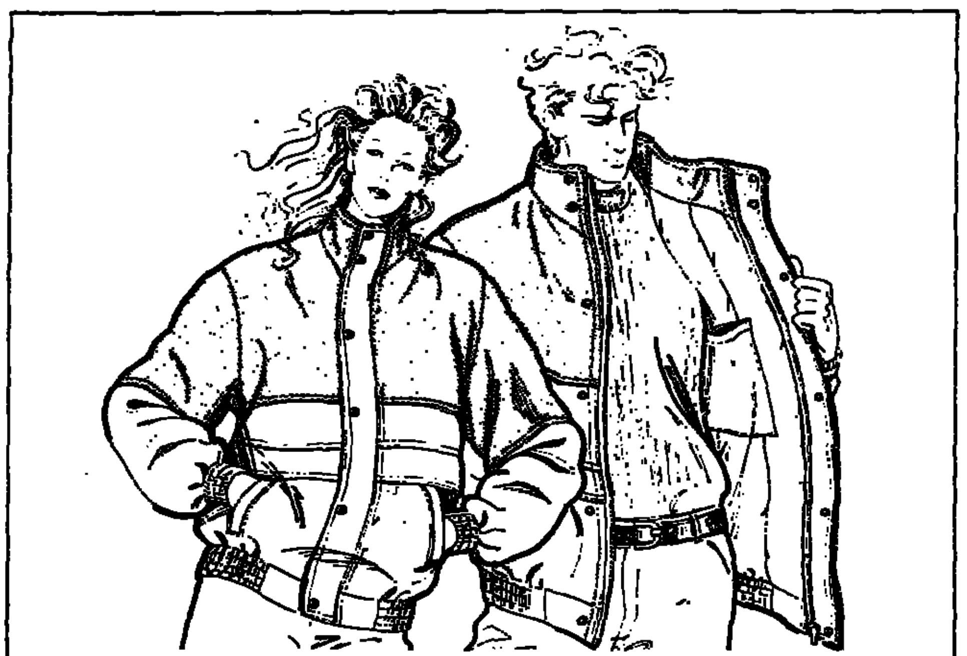

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Librarians tear a strip off children's comics

By Robin Young

Roy of the Rovers does not have enough black team-mates; a story in *Girl Monthly* is "totally offensive and sexist"; and "there is nothing positive to say" about *Eagle*, the boys' comic founded in the 1950s by the Rev Marcus Morris, according to a new review of comics and young people's magazines compiled by librarians in the London borough of Camden.

Working in their own time, 26 librarians contributed to the study covering nearly 170 publications, dividing them into those which are recommended and those which are not.

A publication called *Lesbian and Gay Socialist* is recommended as possibly of interest to young people who wanted to take a political stand, but a spokesman for Camden council, which is controlled by Labour, said yesterday: "Camden does not stock *Lesbian and Gay Socialist* in children's libraries and, in fact, we do not know whether it is still published or not". *Spare Rib*, the feminist magazine, is recommended for girls over 16.

Enid Blyton's *Famous Five Adventure Magazine* is not recommended, because of "sexual stereotyping" and *Beezer* is criticized for failing to take a "multi-cultural view".

The reviewer found *Eagle* to be all "fighting, killing, warmongering and the clichéd desire to conquer the universe", while serious concern was expressed about racism, militarism and violence in war comics aimed at primary school children. The war comic *Battle* was cited as showing "the worst examples of the comic genre".

The veteran D C Thomson comics, *Dandy* and *Beano*, which feature Korky the Cat, Desperate Dan and the Bash Street Kids, are half-heartedly approved on the grounds that, though they are guilty of "sexism by omission", it would be "faintly ridiculous" to complain about their portrayal of "a world which never existed anyway".

The reviewer of *Roy of the Rovers* pointed out that with only one black player on the field the comic presented a situation which could only have been paralleled in the first division at the time if Liverpool were playing Everton or Newcastle.

By far the most favourable review in the survey went to the pop magazine *Smash Hits*, with the critic enthusing over its lively features and off-beat interviews.

"Publications which are not recommended are not banned", Mr John Wilkins, who edited the report, said yesterday. "It is only intended as a guide to what is good and bad on the market. Comics and magazines form a very large part of children's reading and it is important that they should be looked at seriously."

The costs of the report have already been covered by the sale of 25 copies.

Survey of Comics and Magazines for Children and Young People. 1988 (The Children's and Young People's Librarian, Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, London, NW3 3HA; £4.95).

NEWS ROUNDUP

Father killed by loyalist gunmen

Three children were carried over the body of their father in West Belfast yesterday after "loyalist" gunmen smashed the front door of their home and shot dead a Roman Catholic man.

The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters admitted responsibility. It said that the victim, Mr Gerard Slane, was involved in the murder of Billy Quee, a member of the Ulster Defence Association two weeks ago.

Neighbours of the dead man, however, said that he was not a member of any group. He received a suspended sentence in 1985 for possession of a rifle. Security sources believe that the UFF is a cover name for the UDA when it engages in illegal activity.

The attack was a carbon copy of one three days ago when a man threw a wardrobe across the door of his bedroom. Shots were fired through the door but the man, his wife and three children, who were hiding under the bed, escaped injury.

Prison deal rejected

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, yesterday ruled out a no-strike deal with prison officers. "My priority is to settle the existing disputes", he said. "We have done it at Holloway and I am very keen for it to happen in the North. That is the best way forward." Mr Hurd said there were some branches of the Prison Officers' Association which had been encouraging members not to work normally. "These disputes are not defendable in my view. The prison service is under substantial pressure but the overwhelming majority of prisons are coping admirably."

Call to EEC over film

The controversy surrounding the film *The Last Temptation of Christ* is to move to the European Parliament. Church leaders are calling on the EEC to over-rule the Government's decision to allow the film's screening. A draft resolution, backed by 20 members, says that the blasphemous scenes in the film are deeply offensive to Christians and could breach restrictions under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

BBC boost in Africa

Millions of people living in East Africa will be able to listen to BBC World Service broadcasts clearly for the first time from tomorrow, with the opening of a relay station on the island of Mahe in the Seychelles. It will boost audibility in an area covering 13 countries and stretching from the Red Sea to the Tropic of Capricorn. The £10 million station will carry the World Service in five languages — English, French, Portuguese, Somali and Swahili.

Prostate cancer risks

A small but significant increase in the risk of prostate and renals cancers from exposure to low levels of radiation over the long term among a specialized group of workers in the nuclear industry is reported in the *British Medical Journal*. The results, from a group working with staff at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, come from analysis of the health records of 22,552 workers employed by the Atomic Weapons Establishment, at Aldermaston and other centres, between 1951 and 1982.

Art squad planned

Scotland Yard commanders are drawing up plans for a special unit to co-ordinate with leading dealers in investigating art and antique robberies. A unit of two or three detectives will be recruited and trained by staff from Christie's and Sotheby's. They will liaise with the art world and advise London officers dealing with investigations possibly involving valuable art objects.

Teachers to have pay body by 1990

By Sam Kiley

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has given the National Union of Teachers an undertaking to have a national pay negotiating body in place in time to settle pay talks in April 1990.

Mr Doug McAvoy, the union's general secretary designate, said after Mr Baker had met union leaders yesterday: "I believe that the exchange today suggests that a negotiating body rather than some kind of review body is favoured by the Secretary of State.

"The major issues for future discussions would seem to be about the role and power of the Secretary of State in the machinery and the means for arbitration."

Mr McAvoy said that Mr Baker, who is meeting the National Association of School Masters/Union of Women Teachers and local authority leaders next week, would hold a second round of talks early next year.

The NUT said the talks had been "a very valuable exchange, productive and constructive", and that Mr Baker undertook to publish a White Paper in time for legislation on pay negotiations during the 1989/1990 parliamentary session.

Mr McAvoy said that if the Government had a majority in the negotiating machinery, which will replace the Burnham system abolished last year, then "every round of negotiations . . . would be a public test of the Government's hidden incomes policy".

Although it would accept there was a need for a "period of peace" when strikes would be disallowed, there was no question of agreeing a "no-strike" deal in return for national negotiating rights.

Barristers to appear alone in crown court cases

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Barristers are to be allowed to appear without solicitors in certain crown court cases under changes announced yesterday by Sir Nicholas Lyell, Solicitor General.

The changes, expected to be finalized by Christmas, have been agreed between the Bar, Law Society and the Lord Chancellor's officials. At the same time, silks, or QCs, will be allowed to appear alone with a supporting junior barrister.

The measures are to make lawyers' working practices more efficient and should cut the costs of some crown court cases. A third measure is for a new listing form to be used by solicitors in cases likely to last three to 10 days. Solicitors will state the client's likely plea and other details and the idea is to "concentrate minds at an earlier stage", Sir Nicholas said at a conference on the future of criminal legal aid in Bristol attended by 200 legal aid practitioners.

"If it is to be fair, any system of criminal justice must also be efficient", Sir Nicholas said.

The measures come after several months of discussion by the Efficiency Commission, a joint body representing the profession and Lord Chancellor's officials. It was set up as part of the settlement of the dispute between the profession and the Government over legal aid pay two years ago.

Sir Nicholas was addressing the conference at time of mounting concern about the rates of pay for legal aid which are prompting increasing numbers of solicitors to pull out of the work.

He told practitioners that the new legal Aid Board, which takes over the £460 million a year legal aid scheme next year, is aiming for an "efficient and effective" service which gives the taxpayer value. As a first task, it would take on and run the existing system and indentify and tackle "administrative inefficiencies which have become more than a source of irritation in a number of areas".

Justifying the Government's removal from statute of the requirement that it should pay lawyers "fair" remuneration, he said that the word "fair" was "hopelessly vague". The formula on which the Lord Chancellor would have to assess the award included time and skill required, general level of fee income and general level of lawyers' overheads.

It also included the number and competence of barristers and solicitors undertaking legal aid work and the cost to public funds.

It was over alleged failure of the Government to pay "fair remuneration" that the profession sued the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, in 1986.

● The Lord Chancellor was urged at the conference to give solicitors the right to take cases in the Crown Court and be appointed as High Court judges to stop them leaving criminal legal aid work.

Mr David Ward, Law Society vice-president, said a better career structure was a key factor in retaining solicitors for legal aid. A recent Law Society survey showed 40 per cent of lawyers doing such work were dropping or considering dropping it, he said. Inadequate pay was blamed in most cases.

Mr Anthony Edwards, the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association secretary, called on the Government to set up a salaried public defender system.

● The Lord Chancellor issued guidelines to magistrates yesterday on dealing with the media, warning against comment on government policy or matters of controversy. Lord Mackay of Clashfern also reminded them they should not discuss individual cases, reasons for decisions (except in open court) or what goes on in the retiring room.

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Employment training wins backing from electricians

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

TUC opposition to the Government's £1.4 billion Employment Training Scheme received another setback yesterday when Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union, announced he is co-operating fully with the Department of Employment in a scheme which could become nationwide.

Participation by the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, which was expelled from the TUC earlier this month, will increase tensions within the organization which is deeply divided over the issue.

Immediately after the announcement, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said: "I am delighted with the EETPU decision. The scheme is intended to ensure that long-term unemployed people will obtain training to industry standards agreed with both employers and unions."

Mr Hammond made the announcement at a National Economic Development Office conference in London yesterday. Of his initiative, which will establish a scheme for trainee electricians in the Docklands area of east London, he said: "I want to make it clear that whatever unions within the TUC may do, my union will not turn its back on the unemployed".

Referring to TUC conference efforts to salvage some form of participation in the scheme, Mr Hammond added: "Despite the efforts of a friendly 'fudgosaursus', more malevolent creatures had their disastrous way. We believe the scheme provides a training programme which will help meet the needs of the unemployed."

Mr Fowler told the conference he had decided last week to end the Training Commission's role in running the Government's training programme because of the TUC's decision to withdraw support from employment training and to institute a policy of non co-operation.

"It simply made no sense to have TUC commissioners sharing responsibility for running a programme — the largest of the commission's programmes — which they did not support. And it was necessary to act promptly to safeguard the programme and especially the long-term unemployed people being trained on it."

Too many employers were locked into cosy arrangements with trade unions which allowed them to avoid direct contact with staff, Mr Fowler said. "Employers must be ready to give their employees a direct stake in the success of their business through profit-related pay and share options.

"Increasingly, individual employees will want their terms and conditions of employment, including pension and training arrangements, to reflect their skills, efforts and capacities and circumstances, not the outcome of some distant negotiation between employers and trade unions."

SLD puts Ashdown authority to test

By Robin Oakley,
Political Editor

Mr Ashdown and his wife Jane relaxing in their village of Norton sub Hamdon, Somerset, before setting off for the conference starting at Blackpool today (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Mr Paddy Ashdown, elected leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats in July, faces two critical tests of his authority over the next three days at the party conference opening in Blackpool today.

He will seek to drum his MPs into line at a meeting on Monday night after what is likely to be a fractious debate on what the new party should call itself.

Tomorrow, in his first main speech as party leader, he has to counter the worries in SDP ranks that he has failed to assert his grip on the party through the summer.

Some leading voices in the SLD are worried that Mr Ashdown has been too relaxed while dissidents objecting to his chosen strategy of seeking to strangle the rival SDP at birth have been allowed to make the running.

The SLD will continue to have as its official title the Social and Liberal Democrats, but with Mr David Steel and Mr Robert Maclennan as joint leaders of the interim party the practice was adopted of using the short title "The Democrats".

Traditional Liberals are hoping to use the conference to switch the official short title back to the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Ashdown is basically an agnostic on the question, saying that he can live with either "Democrats" or "Liberal Democrats", as the conference chooses.

He argued originally for the shorter name, as a signal that the SLD is a new party moving in new directions. He is determined that the conference should decide the matter once and for all.

A fierce battle is expected. Former Social Democrat members of the new party are worried that if the name reverts to being the Liberal Democrats, then the Owenite SDP will be able to proclaim that they have simply been swallowed up by the Liberals.

Mr Ashdown is expected to insist at the meeting with his MPs on Monday that whatever has been decided by the conference must be accepted and implemented consistently by all the party's officials and representatives.

If the conference does not vote for a short title including the word Liberal that could lead to ructions with some of his MPs.

Another potential flashpoint for the conference is whether the preamble to the party's constitution should continue a commitment to Nato membership.

That hangover from the former SDP constitution is contested by some former-Liberal members of the SLD who say that it excludes from membership of the new party the pacifist Quaker strain of traditional Liberals.

One other likely area of controversy is nuclear energy, with the conference expected to vote for the cessation of all nuclear power station building, against the wishes of former SDP leader, Mr Robert Maclennan, who has Dounreay in his constituency.

The SLD organizers are keen to demonstrate that the new party is not just the old Liberal Assembly writ large and will try to discourage references to the SDP conference earlier this week.

However, it is unlikely that the question of relations with the SDP can be avoided when election strategy is discussed.

● Interviewed on BBC's *Newsnight* last night Mr Ashdown admitted that his party had been "dead in the water" for the past year as it negotiated the merger between the old SDP and Liberal parties (Martin Fletcher writes).

The aim now was "to get this party back into the field and back moving again in British politics".

Foreign Office reminds diplomats of the rules

By Alan Hamilton

Ten representatives of the diplomatic community in London were summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday to be told of the Government's concern at two recent incidents involving the use of firearms by diplomats.

Mr Timothy Eggar, an Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, emphasized to the ambassadors that the good reputation of the majority of diplomats in London should not be undermined by the actities of a minority. Next week Mr Roger Hervey, a senior Foreign Office official and vice-marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, is to write to all embassies in London reminding them that they must not permit illegal arms to be kept on their premises.

The Foreign Office said after the 90-minute meeting that it was not intended as a dressing-down, but an attempt to secure the co-operation of diplomats in maintaining the accepted rules of behaviour among those who enjoy diplomatic immunity from British law.

The meeting was called after the expulsion earlier this month of a third secretary at the Vietnamese embassy for brandishing a Colt revolver at a group of demonstrators, and the more recent expulsion of the Cuban ambassador and his commercial attaché following a shooting incident in a street in Bayswater, west London.

Mr Michael Spanos, deputy high commissioner for Cyprus representing the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, led the deputation of ambassadors from Saudi Arabia, Nicaragua, Sweden, Greece, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Brunei, Guyana and the German Democratic Republic. The ambassadors summoned were chosen to represent all areas of the world, and not for the misdemeanours of their own embassies.

Since the Libyan embassy siege of 1984, in which WPC Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead in St James's Square, the Foreign Office has been determined to tighten the rules governing diplomatic behaviour.

The principal concern is the inability of British security forces, under the conventions of diplomatic immunity, to search foreign embassies for illegal arms. Mr Eggar yesterday reminded the ambassadors that the keeping of such arms was outside the letter and spirit of the 1961 Vienna Convention which governs the rules of diplomacy.

Yesterday's meeting was in line with an increasingly tough policy against London-based foreign diplomats who commit offences, and a greater willingness to expel them. Last year 43 diplomats or members of their families were implicated in serious offences, and 18 were expelled.

Offences committed by embassy personnel under cover of diplomatic immunity range from shoplifting to pinching women's bottoms, but the most common is illegal parking.

●Czechoslovakia protested to Britain yesterday over the expulsion from London of three Czechoslovak diplomats accused of espionage, and warned that it could expel British diplomats in reprisal (AFP reports).

Developers praised by Ridley

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday praised developers and industrialists for their environmental sensitivity.

Britain's "fine countryside and enormous architectural inheritance" had for too long lain idle, he said.

"It is much better to put a holiday village in countryside and a new brewery in an old one than to turn the country into one big museum. We are now using our skills to recreate an environment that will provide jobs and be a credit to our tradition as a nation of great designers."

Mr Ridley was presenting the Business and Industry Environment awards to this year's winners at the Royal Society of Arts, in London.

They included Swansea City Council for the dramatic redevelopment of the city's maritime quarter; Center Parcs, a Dutch company, for their futuristic holiday village in the heart of Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire; and Mitchells & Butlers Brewery, Smethwick, West Midlands, who transformed an old brewery into a modern complex.

Center Parcs reintroduced black fallow deer into the forest and planted more than 300,000 native trees. The brewery donated five acres of wasteland which the Urban Wildlife Fund turned it into a nature reserve.

Drugs trial is stopped after threat to jury

A big drugs trial was halted yesterday after jurors received menacing telephone calls at a hotel where they were staying overnight.

Dismissing the jury at Liverpool Crown Court, Judge Wickham said: "This is a lesson to the authorities that certain cases should not be tried in the area where the offences were committed". The retrial should take place "a long way away" from Liverpool, he said.

He ordered a police investigation into how the calls could have been made from inside a hotel whose location was supposed to be secret. The jury had considered its verdict for seven hours.

Court officials estimated that the three-week trial had already cost at least £100,000.

Terence McMullen, aged 50, of Maghull, Merseyside, and his daughter, Veronica Reid, aged 26, of Kirkby, Merseyside, denied conspiracy to supply amphetamines.

Mr McMullen's wife, also Veronica, aged 48, denied two charges of being concerned in retaining the proceeds of drug trafficking.

The three were remanded on bail.

Woman hears case on bed in the courtroom

A judge yesterday arranged for an ill juror to go to bed in a corner of the courtroom.

Mr Recorder William Barnett ordered a bed to be set up next to the jury box 10 days into a complicated case at Peterborough Crown Court.

The case has already cost £50,000 and another member has been discharged, which put the hearing in jeopardy.

The woman was suffering from backache.

Finally she told court officials that she could no longer stand the strain of sitting and listening to the complicated evidence in the deception case and officials put their heads together to decide on what action to take.

She was allowed to lie on her back next to the jury box and a court usher sat at her bedside, holding statements and papers relating to the case.

"I have never heard of anything like this happening in a Crown Court before", a Peterborough Crown Court spokesman said. "But we are very grateful that she was able to continue hearing the evidence, otherwise we may have had to order a retrial."

The case is expected to finish next week.

Boy kept RAF bomb in his bedroom

By Ian Smith

When a schoolboy stumbled on a glittering 30in-long pencil shaped object during a Sunday stroll in fields near his home he could not believe his good fortune.

Eagerly Ricky Vickers hoisted the blue painted treasure trove with its curious black nose cone and four oddly designed tail fins on to his shoulder and headed towards his chalet home in Sandy Lane, Skipsea, near Bridlington, where he smuggled it into his bedroom.

However, it is only now that the true extent of his good fortune is being measured, for the Royal Air Force wants to know how he could have stumbled on one of its bombs, used at its nearby practice range.

A spokesman said: "Forget any comparison with a Guy Fawke's firework if this bomb had exploded in the boy's bedroom. There would have been the biggest bonfire imaginable."

Such an outcome was not unlikely.

The boy, reluctant to reveal his find to parents who would probably insist it be handed to police or, even worse, be returned to its rightful owners, kept it on a battered sofa in his room.

For two weeks the find was treated as an *objet d'art* of increasing fascination, with he and his unwitting accomplice, Jason Wilkinson, aged two, spending every spare moment in his room.

Determindly, the boy even tried to prize off the mysterious black nose cone.

The bomb was discovered only because his father, Mr Sean Vickers, became curious about his usually boisterous son's subdued behaviour and investigated the bedroom.

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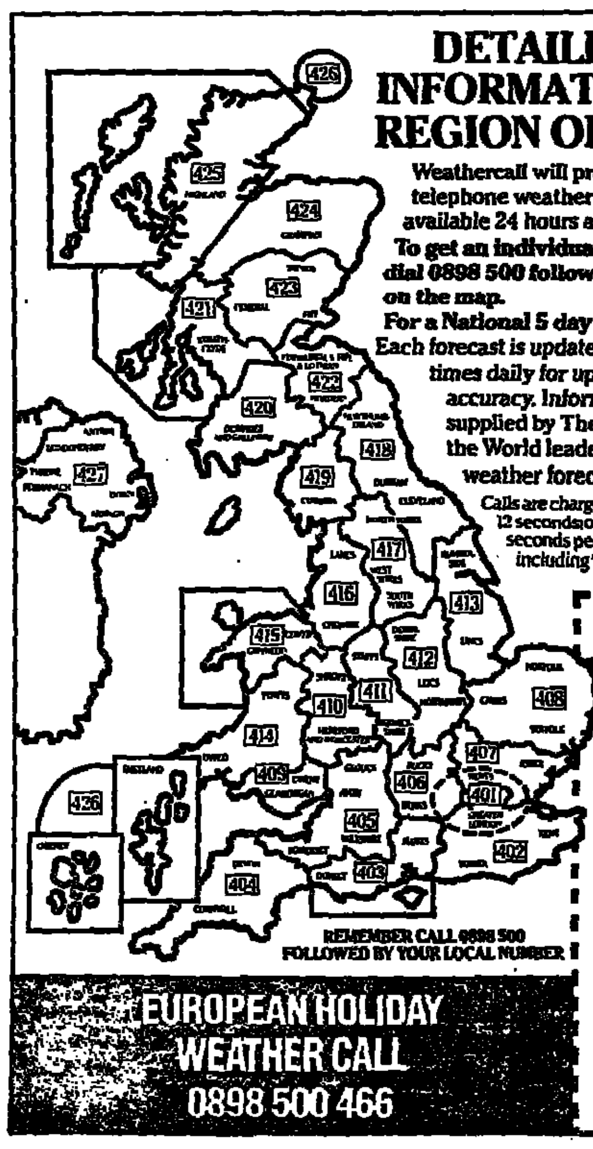

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Statement was given to reporter 'to get him off my back'

TV witness made up his story

GIBRALTAR INQUEST

A bank clerk admitted yesterday that he made up a story that he saw a man standing with his foot on the body of Sean Savage, pumping shots into the IRA terrorist.

Mr Kenneth Asquez told the inquest in Gibraltar into the shooting by the SAS of three terrorists in March that he made up the statement because he was pestered by a retired major who wanted him to appear on the television programme, "Death on the Rock".

He said that Major Bob Randall pestered him for four days and offered him money to be interviewed.

Mr Asquez denied he was an unidentified man in the programme who said he saw a man standing over the body with his foot on the chest firing into the body. He admitted writing and signing a statement to that effect. "I did it to get him off my back", he told the inquest on the fourteenth day of the hearing.

Questioned by Mr Felix Pizzarello, the coroner, Mr Asquez admitted he was in a car near the scene of the shootings but he did not see much of the incident.

The coroner produced the statement that Mr Asquez, aged 20, made at the end of March, about three weeks after the shootings. It said he heard a number of loud cracks and saw a man bleeding on the ground. He saw another man wearing a black beret holding an identity card and telling people everything was all right. The man had his foot on the dying man's throat. He pointed his gun and fired two or three times.

Mr McGrory: cross-examined Mr Kenneth Asquez.

Asked by the coroner when and why he made this statement, Mr Asquez said he was very confused, had been ill and was under pressure. Asked where he got the information, he said: "From the newspapers, I suppose".

Pressed on the information about the black beret and the man standing over the body firing, Mr Asquez admitted he made it up.

Mr Asquez, cross-examined by Mr Michael Hucker, counsel for the SAS soldiers, said the major came to see him but he did not know why he wanted to speak about the shootings.

Mr Hucker said: "This was a television interview that turned out to be the programme 'Death on the Rock'?"

Mr Asquez said: "Apparently, yes".

"Did you agree to give him an interview?"

"No."

Mr Asquez refused to accept suggestions by Mr Patrick McGrory, representing the terrorists' families, that he had blurted out the truth at first but tried to get out of what he said when he realized the consequences.

Asked if he was the kind of man to make up a lying statement that a man murdered another man, he said: "There is truth in it".

Mr McGrory said: "It was a terrible thing for you to do, was it not?"

Mr Asquez replied: "Yes".

He told Mr McGrory he did not think that when he was interviewed by Mr Christopher Finch, a local lawyer, that the solicitor was taking notes.

He told the jury he had not even seen the part of the programme based on his statement and had never been shown the draft affidavit.

Mr John Laws, counsel for the Crown, then asked Mr Asquez if he could offer any explanation why the evidence in Mr Finch's draft affidavit was lifted word for word on the television. Mr Asquez said he could not.

Mr Finch, explaining how he took the statement from Mr Asquez, told the court he was approached by Thames Television shortly after the shootings. "My brief was to take an affidavit from any witness which they came across for the purpose of covering and justifying anything that the programme which they later produced may contain."

The statement was given to Major Randall.

Mr Finch said he took down details from Mr Asquez who made it clear that he did not want to give an interview; neither did he want any publicity. He then produced an affidavit but Mr Asquez refused to sign it.

Mr Finch said Mr Asquez never told him that he was not telling the truth about what he had seen.

"However", he added, "to my mind Kenneth has never given a formal interview to any television programme."

The coroner asked: "So the person in this 'Death on the Rock' was not Kenneth?"

Mr Finch replied: "I think definitely not".

Asked by Mr Hucker if he felt the affidavit was of no value at all because it was not sworn or signed, Mr Finch replied: "That is correct".

Mr Hucker asked him if he agreed that the unsigned affidavit was a document which put soldiers C and D, two of the SAS team who have given evidence, in a very poor light.

Mr Finch said: "The coroner's officer knew about Mr Asquez's allegations before he (Asquez) came to see me".

Mr Laws asked Mr Finch about the reasons for taking the affidavit. "The purpose was not to discover the truth but to find corroboration for whatever the programme makers might want to say?"

Mr Finch: "That is absolutely untrue".

Mr Finch said he took a sworn affidavit from Mrs Carmen Proetta but not from Mrs Josie Celecia or Mr Stephen Bullock because they had copies of their police statements.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Mrs Proetta: arriving at yesterday's hearing.

Education Reform Act

Experiments 'still possible'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Teaching practices which ministers had hoped to stamp out with the new Education Reform Act will flourish under its rule, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Peter Mann, principal educational adviser to Dorset County Council, told the annual conference of the National Association of Inspectors and Education Advisers that far from signalling a return to traditional teaching, the Act offered opportunities for continuing experimentation.

His remarks, aimed at reassuring the majority of advisers who endorsed so-called progressive educational approaches, are certain to sound alarm bells both at the Department of Education and Science and in Downing Street.

The Prime Minister feels strongly that the education reform package should lead to a return to traditional methods of teaching.

Mr Mann, speaking in Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, said that under the curriculum there would be sufficient flexibility for schools to merge the teaching of traditional subjects and scrap the method of grouping children into classes based on age.

"The Government now has a very powerful incentive, with the implementation of the Act, to seek the support and goodwill of the teachers. The time for public criticism is over", he said.

With the "skillful mediation" of local authority school inspectors, teachers would come to feel they had "ownership and responsibility for the national curriculum".

In practise, schools and teachers should be able to avoid "a narrow and unproductive concentration" on the three core subjects of the new curriculum — English, mathematics and science.

Mr Mann said the importance of local authority inspectors would increase under the new Act, giving them greater powers to monitor and support teachers and new education initiatives.

● Sir Philip Halsey, the Government's new school examination director, yesterday told the examination boards to go on the offensive and publicize the successes of the GCSE.

He said they could not ignore recent government criticism of complacency but should promote the positive image created by Her Majesty's Inspectorate which praised the effect the exams had had on the performance of pupils and quality of teaching.

Court clerks' pay fight goes to Acas

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

An industrial dispute is brewing in the magistrates' courts service with the breakdown of pay talks by the 1,500 overstretched clerks who are struggling to staff the courts in England and Wales.

The dispute is to go to Acas, the conciliation service, in a move that indicates the clerks' frustration. They are facing an acute staff shortage with the drain of their members to the more highly paid Crown Prosecution Service and to private practice. As a result, there is widespread cancellation of courts throughout the country.

Mr Ed Bellis, clerk to Fareham justices, said that in October nine or 10 courts had to be closed, 20 per cent of the total.

The Association of Magisterial Officers, which represents the clerks, says it is not prepared to accept the offer of 5.4 per cent made by its Joint Negotiating Committee (consisting on the management side of magistrates and local councillors). Mr Colin Clegg, general secretary of the association, said that this was "barely more than inflation" and ruled out any restructuring of scales to make them more competitive.

"Without a rise of between 8.5 and 10 per cent to redress the balance between our pay and that elsewhere, the service will collapse. The clerks will leave; they will vote with their feet."

At the same time, the Justices' Clerks' Society, representing the 300 chief clerks in magistrates' courts, has also lodged a substantial pay claim. Mr Brian Forster, secretary of the society, said his members estimated there were now 100 clerk vacancies throughout the country and court closures were commonplace.

The society has just lodged a pay claim, to come before its Joint Negotiating Committee next week, which could bring justices' clerks — who run the magistrates' courts — to parity with branch crown prosecutors.

It would mean, for example, that a justices' clerk in a division with a population of 160,000 would go from £26,000 to £34,000 and one in a division of 300,000 from about £31,000 to £39,000.

"We need to drag ourselves back to where we were a few years ago, to bring up the service and make the career structure more attractive he said. The magistates' courts service was now regarded as the "dunghill" of a highly competitive market.

Mr Clegg said: "A court clerk in his thirties on somewhere between £10,000 and £14,000 can be bought by the CPS for £18,000 to £19,000".

Labour seeks inquiry on 'bogus' job figures

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Labour yesterday demanded an independent inquiry into the way the Government calculates the official unemployment and job creation figures.

The call came from Mr Michael Meacher, employment spokesman, after he unveiled the findings of an analysis of official figures which, he said, demonstrated beyond doubt they were "bogus". It showed while official unemployment apparently fell by 724,788 in the two years to March, only 523,000 jobs, including those on employment schemes, were created.

Moreover, the overwhelming majority of those jobs were for women, and most of those were part time. Nearly half a million men had come off the unemployment register and had "simply disappeared into a black hole", Mr Meacher said. Only in two areas, East Anglia and the South East, excluding London, did the number of jobs created exceed the unemployment fall.

"The Government's success has not been to cut unemployment by creating jobs. Their only success lies in promoting the myth that because registered unemployment is coming down, employment must be going up."

Mr Meacher said the "sheer incredibility" of the figures meant there had to be an independent examination of how they were compiled, possibly by the Commons Select Committee on Employment.

He demanding an explanation from Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

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Seoul police break tear gas ban to beat students

Defiant students beating a policeman with sticks in an anti-government demonstration in the South Korean capital of Seoul yesterday. The students, who were protesting at North Korea's exclusion from the Olympics, were dispersed by tear gas although the Government had banned its use during the Games.

Glimmer of hope in divided Lebanon

Army chief holds key to crisis

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
west Beirut

Lebanon's presidential crisis has pushed the country further towards formal partition than at any time since the civil war erupted in 1975.

But despite the predictions of doom from Muslim leaders, a government of sorts could still emerge if Syria and the United States can persuade the Maronite commander of the Lebanese Army, Brigadier-General Michel Aoun, to set a date for new elections.

A solid promise from General Aoun, who on Thursday night was designated the "chief executive" of the new provisional government by outgoing President Gemayel, could still placate Muslim anger and create new hope of a relatively peaceful transition of power.

General Aoun yesterday appeared to be in no hurry to agree to a date, but his primary mission — according to Mr Gemayel — is to speed up the "electoral process" and there is no reason to believe he will not obey that instruction.

But in spite of threats that they would proclaim their own government if Mr Gemayel created an interim administration, Muslim leaders remained cautious yesterday, asserting only that they were loyal to Dr Selim el-Hoss, the moderate Sunni Muslim Prime Minister, who theoretically lost his Cabinet post on Thursday.

The darkest prospect would be further civil war, with Muslim and Christian forces trying to capture each other's territory in Beirut along the lines of the early days of the conflict in 1975 and 1976.

Certainly there are pockets of Christian and Muslim territory surrounded by their political opponents which are now in grave danger. Both sides know, however, that a totally divided Lebanon would be more powerless than ever. And the Syrians, who have at least two divisions of troops in the country, can never support such a partition. Quite apart from the fearful political precedents that this would set — President Assad is himself a member of a minority community within Syria — the Syrian Army cannot now withdraw from its peace-keeping role in the Lebanese capital.

Damascus (Reuter) — Syria yesterday denounced Lebanon's interim Government as "misshaped and a caricature". Damascus radio described the new administration as being "born dead".

To pull out of west Beirut would be to return the Muslim sector of the city to anarchy and to proclaim Syria's own impotence in the face of Lebanon's political developments, something Mr Assad cannot admit.

If the Syrians stay — as they must — the Americans have good reason to go on trying to solve the Lebanese crisis. For it is in Syria's area of control that the Western hostages are held and no US Administration, now or after the American elections, can afford to see the Syrians lowering their profile.

The Syrians still provide the best hope for the release of hostages; they are therefore important to Washington; their wishes are therefore likely to be respected.

For some weeks the Iraqis have been currying favour with the Christians — and the Christian Phalange militia makes no secret of its good relations with Baghdad. The Iraqi Government is now saying publicly that Damascus wants to incorporate Lebanon into a "Greater Syria" — an allegation Israel has been making for 12 years.

Although there is no proof this is the case — and US diplomats are still telling Washington it is not true — it is a potent suggestion. Iraq wants revenge on President Assad for his support of Iran in the Gulf War.

Other retaliation is now in progress. Two of the three Amal leaders murdered in south Beirut on Thursday were responsible for the suppression of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement in the south of the country, and few people here doubt who was responsible for these latest assassinations.

As usual, Lebanon is a battlefield for others; only this time, the country's constitutional existence has become part of the struggle.

FROM A VILLAGE IN THE HIMALAYAS

Bank finance supplies cream to all the cats

By Victor Zorza and Veenu Sandal

Nain Singh, the headman, returned triumphantly from town. He had been trying for years to persuade a bank, any bank, to open a branch in the village. Now, with the village linked to the world by road, and the business this promised to the bank, he had finally succeeded.

The villagers were not impressed. "We don't have the money to open an account," they said, "and we can't afford the interest on the loans."

When the bank did come, most villagers gave it a wide berth. They pooh-poohed Nain Singh's assurances that the bank would at last bring development to the village. "Real development," he insisted, "not what we've seen before, not a caricature" — his favourite word.

"It will see to his development all right," they muttered when he was out of earshot, "not ours." The hut he had rented to the bank would bring him a steady income, they said — "and who knows what other deals they've struck."

The bank, housed in a windowless hut with a low ceiling, without a signboard, transacted little business all through the winter. The clerks whiled away their working time consuming endless cups of tea and occasionally swatting flies with the bank ledger. As the weeks passed, the bank failed to attract villagers. A few rich peasants and headmen from other villages sometimes dropped in to open an account or to enquire about loans, but that was all.

Then, when the first spring flowers began to appear on the hillside, officials arrived from town with the *patwari*, the revenue police officer, and closeted themselves with Nain Singh in the bank hut. Villagers exchanged knowing glances as the officials called them in.

"Government grants to your village were stopped because your headman complained about corruption," an official said. "From now on, all money for projects in the villages around here will come through this bank." Nain Singh, vindicated, was once again in the village's good books.

The news spread through the area like wildfire. All next week the bank hut, once deserted, was so full that many villagers had to stand outside. "Is there money for me," everyone wanted to know. They had been told that it would be given only for specific, approved purposes. "What has the money been sanctioned for?" The clerks were run off their feet answering hundreds of questions.

To villagers, the bank's official hours meant nothing. They sought out the harassed head clerk at their own convenience. Some, before going to the fields in the early morning, would stop at his hut, behind the bank, and ply him with questions. Others dropped in just as he retired for his afternoon nap.

The head clerk, after trying in a dozen different ways to explain "bank timings" to them, finally gave in, consoling himself with the thought that the flood of enquiries would cease once he satisfied their curiosity.

One of the first to benefit under the new scheme was the village's hereditary drummer-cum-barber. Villagers paid for his services in kind, with a *roti*, a round flatbread. The money he received through the bank was intended to set him up in business as a barber for outsiders using the road who would — it was assumed — pay in cash.

The drummer put his thumbprint — the illiterate's substitute for a signature — on the bank document, went to town, and returned with an array of razors, scissors, shaving soaps, a mirror, and two chairs — a rarity in the village. He showed his purchases to the clerk, as required, together with receipts — a precaution designed to prevent misuse of the funds.

After years of disappointment, the villagers had at last struck gold. Prakash, the Harijan, got money for two mules; Amba Dutt, the Brahmin, for a buffalo; Asaram, a low-caste, for poultry. It was a long list — even though some, taught by bitter experience to be chary of official promises, held back.

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In the past, official grants were given only to Untouchables, while high-caste families, whether rich or poor, were debarred from receiving government aid. Underdogs for centuries, the Untouchables — now called Harijans or Sons of God — had become the target of the Government's positive discrimination. They drove the point home with relish, flaunting their bounty, to the discomfiture of the high-castes. Unable to strike back as they would have once done, the high-castes could only grit their teeth in silent rage. Now, with the money being distributed through the bank without distinction of caste, a cause of friction had been swept away.

For the first time since we came to the village eight years ago, Brahmins and Rajputs and Harijans talked without the old constraint, jovially swapping boasts about the progress of their "projects". They no longer played cat-and-mouse with each other.

Now they were all cats.

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Next Saturday: The girl nobody would marry

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pope sets out line on women priests

Rome — The Pope has issued his most far-reaching document on women, setting out the theological basis for his opposition to female priests while offering heartfelt advice to feminists (Roger Boyes writes). Women, he writes, should not "appropriate masculine characteristics and deny their original feminity in the name of liberation from male domination."

He adds in the document, called *Mulieris dignitatem* (the dignity of woman): "There is a well founded fear that in travelling this path, a woman will not realize herself and could, on the contrary, deform and lose that which constitutes her essential feminine richness."

The 120-page text will be officially released next week, but has been given already to bishops throughout the world. It will certainly spark criticism from feminist groups and from those in the liberal US Catholic congregations and in the Anglican churches.

Troops ring Yerevan

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet troops and armoured personnel carriers sealed off the centre of Yerevan, the Armenian capital, yesterday after crowds staged an all night sit-down protest in the city's Opera Square. A spokesman at the Armenian Foreign Ministry said by telephone that the situation in Yerevan was calm, with no arrests or clashes reported. Shops were open and public transport was working in most districts.

"It's difficult to say if transport is working completely normally because the centre is blocked off by armoured personnel carriers," he said. A demonstration by an estimated 100,000 people in Opera Square on Monday had ended at 10 pm but, he added, "students" had continued the all-night protest in the square. Earlier, an Armenian activist said the vigil was planned to prevent troops from moving into the square, the focal point of protests.

Doubts on Hirohito

Tokyo — Emperor Hirohito of Japan was given fresh blood transfusions yesterday to help to overcome a bout of anaemia and jaundice which has threatened the failing health of the 87-year-old monarch (Joe Joseph writes).

The latest setback in the Emperor's condition came amid a growing controversy in Tokyo that the *ancien régime* that still holds the upper hand inside the Imperial household might not be giving a full picture of the seriousness of his relapse. The Emperor has been given almost two litres of blood since Monday, when his already frail condition worsened dramatically and he began vomiting blood. Crown Prince Akihito, his heir, has taken over affairs of state as Japan cautiously makes preparations for the succession.

Setback for France

Brussels — A long-running battle by France to retain Strasbourg as the exclusive home of the European Parliament received a setback after a European Court of Justice ruling allowing Euro MPs to hold some plenary sessions in the Belgian capital (Michael Dynes writes).

The decision, seen as a victory for British Conservative Euro MPs, could increase pressure on member states to decide a permanent seat for the Community's roving institutions.

France began legal proceedings against the European Parliament in October 1985 after Euro MPs approved building a 600-seat hall behind the Parliament's existing committee rooms in Brussels.

Deaver spared jail

Washington — Michael Deaver, the former senior White House aide and friend of the Reagans, was sentenced yesterday to three years' probation and fined £58,800 for lying under oath about his lobbying business (Christopher Thomas writes). The judge ordered him not to lobby the Government during the probation period. He was also ordered to do 500 hours of community service. Deaver had faced a maximum penalty of 15 years' imprisonment. Outside the court, he said that for the first time in more than two years he now knew what was going to happen to him.

Fearful Kosovo Albanians treasure hoarded weapons

From Richard Bassett, Prizren

More than a million and a quarter ethnic Albanians in Yugoslavia are unhappy with racial strife in the autonomous province of Kosovo.

All are deeply troubled by the present wave of Serbian nationalist demonstrations inspired by the Serbian minority in the region, and now increasingly encouraged by Serbs throughout the country.

In Prizren, arguably the most Albanian and certainly the most picturesque Kosovo town, pride in all things Albanian is high.

On the walls of most Albanian homes here, the most honoured place goes not to a family portrait but to a certificate in Albanian denoting a family skill or professional qualification achieved with merit.

However, in a small room leading off the kitchen and sealed by a curtain of Oriental thickness, there are more disturbing items as we reach the family armoury. For some years now, every house in Kosovo has been hoarding weapons. Nowhere in Europe is there such a flourishing black market in firearms.

On account of the reluctance of the Serbian authorities to issue licences for firearms to Albanian households, trade in weapons is brisk. Most houses have at least one or two shotguns and a couple of pistols.

In a village on the outskirts of Prizren, one baker's cellar disclosed a small arsenal: six shotguns, a number of German wartime Lugers, a magnificent Navy Colt revolver and a British Lee Enfield .303 rifle.

Some are believed to have more advanced, modern weapons, including, according to one Kosovo source, "hundreds" of the Yugoslav version of the Soviet Kalashnikov AK 47 assault rifle, as well as modern Austrian pistols.

"We have never used these weapons. The Serbs accuse us of genocide, but these firearms have never been used by us so far," the proud owner of one arsenal remarked.

But as Serbs form their own armed vigilante groups, it is impossible to imagine this tinder box remaining unlit for much longer.

Some Serbs within the Yugoslav leadership realize the potential dangers but those who speak out risk mass denunciation at the daily rallies which, under the title of "solidarity meetings", thinly disguise the real purpose — to whip up racial hatred.

The confrontation between Serbs and ethnic Albanians, which looms ever more ominously on the horizon, is not likely to destroy Yugoslavia, but unless it is averted there can be no doubt that blood will be spilt.

Pretoria bans anti-apartheid rally and tightens controls

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The banning of an important *anti-apartheid conference*, and the introduction of new procedures making it easier for the authorities to restrict personal freedom, were criticized yesterday as further evidence of the erosion of civil rights in South Africa.

The two-day conference, planned by the black Council of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), was due to begin yesterday in Cape Town. But a notice published in the *Government Gazette* in Pretoria declared it illegal under the State of Emergency regulations.

Another proclamation empowered the state to place people under house arrest or area restrictions simply by publishing a notice to that effect. This means people may be banned without their knowledge.

Until now restriction orders have been served personally. Mrs Helen Suzman, the liberal Progressive Federal Party spokesman on civil rights, said that the new regulations were further evidence of "this Government's total indifference to normal civil rights".

At least 20 leading anti-apartheid activists have been held in police swoops throughout the country in the past few days while, according to Cosatu, restriction orders have been made against seven senior officials who were to have taken part in the Cape Town conference.

The orders bar them from leaving the magisterial districts in which they live, and also force them to remain inside their homes during the night until October 3.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary for Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said in a statement that it had become clear that the conference was part of a strategy of intimidation drawn up by the outlawed African National Congress and the South African Communist Party against next month's municipal elections.

The municipal elections were to have been a key item on the agenda for the meeting, which was to have been attended by more than 600 delegates.

● **HARARE:** South Africa is responsible for a "disinformation campaign" to sabotage a pop concert due to be held here on October 7 in aid of Amnesty International, said the pro-government newspaper *The Herald* yesterday (Michael Hartnack writes).

It claimed that the South Africans were spreading reports that Bruce Springsteen had cancelled his appearance on stage with Sting and Peter Gabriel, at one of a series of "Human Rights Now" concerts.

More violence in Burma as junta gives warning

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

As the Burmese Army continued its ruthless drive against the opposition, the new Military ruler, General Saw Maung, last night warned his opponents not to make any further demands on the Government.

In an address to the nation, the general, who seized power last Sunday, said: "I would like to request the respective leaders that for the time being they not make any other demands and try to control the situation."

His statement came as Western diplomats and residents of Rangoon reported that the crackdown was continuing, with looters being summarily executed, and suspected agitators being dragged from their houses and shot in the street.

Speaking on state radio, General Saw Maung said that the Army had "absolutely no desire to hold on to power for a prolonged period", and appealed to opposition leaders to keep their supporters under control.

The authorities have admitted that security forces have killed about 200 people since last Sunday, but well informed but unofficial sources say that about 1,000 people have probably died.

General Saw Maung said that he had begun preparations for elections which would go ahead as soon as possible, whether the people took part or not. Opposition groups say they will boycott them because free elections are impossible if people do not have the freedom to walk safely in the streets. General Saw Maung asked the people to co-operate in establishing the multi-party system they are demanding.

One of the chief opponents of the regime, General Tin U, said that the opposition had now formed a united front, and would announce plans for concerted action against the military junta in a few days.

Although the Burmese people are generally observing the ban on demonstrations, they have not obeyed orders to return to work. The Government says that if strikes which have paralysed the country continue after October 3, workers will be dismissed. Some railway men in Mandalay have gone back and a few trains are running there. Students and soldiers clashed in Mandalay yesterday, with casualties on both sides. Many arrests were made and eight students leaders were arrested at the strike centre established at Mandalay University. There were many other arrests in Rangoon and elsewhere.

After weeks of tolerating the uprising against one-party rule, the Army's ruthlessness in recent days has created a climate of deep fear, according to Rangoon residents and diplomats. Nobody in the streets escapes being frisked for weapons.

A Rangoon-based diplomat visiting Bangkok said last night that he had been told by telephone that some troops in Rangoon and Mandalay were shooting suspects on sight. Others were roughed up for no reason. "Its only purpose is to frighten people," he said. Soldiers were asking householders: "Why aren't you at work?" The people were then roughed up.

Servants of foreigners who had been evacuated recently from Burma had been singled out for maltreatment, the diplomat said.

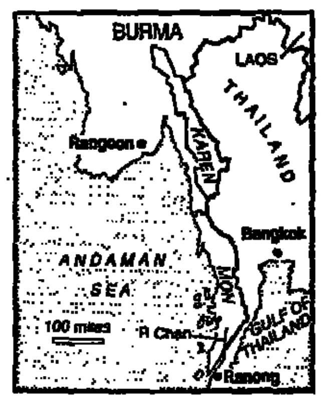
One of the new Cabinet ministers, Major-General Chit Swe, said the military leaders had no lust for power. He said efforts would be made to secure help from abroad in the form of loans and other assistance.

But Burma is not likely to get much help from abroad until democratic reforms are carried out. The Americans have already cancelled aid worth more than $12 million (£7 million) because of the Government's actions. Washington's response may soon be followed by other countries.

Thailand wary of fugitives wanting asylum and weapons

From Edward Gorman
Ranong, southern Thailand

The Thai Government is understandably a little nervous of publicity when it comes to the village development centre at the hamlet of Hat Som Pan, about five miles north of here.



The centre — no more than a draughty shed in a waterlogged field — is home to more than 100 students from Burma's Rangoon University, who have been arriving here after a perilous 10-day journey by boat and by bus.

The students have been characterized as refugees who fled the Burmese capital in fear of their lives. In fact, as the Thais are well aware, they are here in the hope of finding weapons and training for what they believe is an inevitable full-scale civil war in Burma.

Under the watchful gaze of Thai soldiers who guard the students, the leader of the group explained that they had been sent out by the Rangoon University Students' Union. He estimated that up to 10,000 more would leave in the coming months unless civil war could be averted.

"This is the decision of all student unions. We will fight to get democracy by any means available to us," said Maung Maung Thein, aged 25, a physics graduate who was detained between March and July. "I will take military training from any country which loves democracy. We need guns and we need help from the military," he said.

Maung Maung Thein, dressed in jeans, T-shirt and flip-flops, claims to be among the top 20 student leaders in Rangoon. He added: "We need as much help from the West as we can get. There will be civil war in Burma and the people can only win if they are helped by other democracies. You must tell the British Government and President Reagan."

The difficulty for the Thais is that they could face thousands more militant students arriving in the next few months, demanding asylum and weapons.

So far more than 500 are believed to have arrived in this area alone, and several hundred more have slipped through farther north. But there have also been reports that students who crossed at Mae Sott, near the Burmese city of Moulmein, were forcibly sent back by Thai border policemen.

Thai policy towards the students is bound to be watched closely by Western governments in coming months. The Thai Foreign Minister, Mr Siddhi Savetsila, said recently that the students could stay in Thailand for the time being.

It may prove difficult in the long run for the Thais to ignore the students' desire to be allowed to carry arms and to move freely across the border, since Bangkok has allowed Burma's ethnic minority guerrillas, who have been conducting an insurgency for the past 40 years, to do so without undue restrictions.

Maung Maung Thein is aware that his presence embarrasses his hosts. He also notes the irony that, having come here to fight for freedom and democracy, he is under armed guard.

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Bush fires Republican hopes of taking Senate

**From Michael Binyon
Washington**

The turbulence and closeness of the presidential campaign have overshadowed two other crucial races that will determine the shape of the American government in November: the election of all 435 members of the House of Representatives and 33 members — a third — of the Senate.

The Republicans, buoyed by the rising fortunes of Vice-President George Bush in the polls, are hoping that they can recapture the Senate and repeat President Reagan's triumph in 1980 of winning both the White House and sweeping a Republican majority into the upper chamber on his coat-tails.

While the House appears certain to remain in Democratic hands, the 54-46 majority the Democrats won in the Senate in 1986 appears less secure. Three well-known Democrats are retiring this year: Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin, Senator John Stennis of Mississippi — now aged 87 — and Senator Lawton Chiles of Florida. All three seats are vulnerable to a strong Republican challenge.

Two other Democratic incumbents are facing strong opposition: Senator Frank Lautenberg, who is opposed by General Pete Dawkins, a former army general and college football hero, and Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, who is opposed by a popular former Mayor of Cleveland, Mr George Voinovich. The Democrats have 18 seats in this year's contest, compared with 15 held by Republicans, who need a net gain of only five to win back their majority.

But several Republican seats are also vulnerable. In Virginia Senator Paul Tribble is retiring, and the Democrats have picked Mr Charles Robb, the popular former governor and influential son-in-law of Lyndon Johnson, to fight Mr Tribble's successor. Democrats also hope to capture Washington state, where the Republican Senator Daniel Evans is not running again. They have a longer shot at Vermont, where the Republican Senator Robert Strafford is also retiring.

Two other Republican incumbents struggling to retain their seats are Senator Chic Hecht of Nevada and Senator David Karnes of Nebraska. Mr Karnes is facing a stiff challenge from the popular former Democratic governor, Mr Robert Kerry.

Much of the political attention falls on the Senate races in those states that are crucial to the presidential race — Texas, California, Ohio and New Jersey. In California, where vast sums of money will be spent on campaigning and advertising, Senator Pete Wilson, a Republican, is trying to fend off Mr Leo McCarthy.

Both Vice-President Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis are campaigning flat-out in California, and each is also strongly supporting his party's Senate candidate. But with Mr Bush consolidating his lead there, Senator Wilson appears also to be edging ahead of Mr McCarthy, who is less well organized.

In Ohio, the effort by Mr Dukakis to avoid a liberal label and campaign as a centrist may hurt Senator Howard Metzenbaum, who has one of the most liberal voting records in the state.

In Texas, Senator Lloyd Bentsen was formerly considered invulnerable. But his nomination as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate has forced him, under a quirk of Texan law, to run for both jobs at the same time. Voters' knowledge that he would not take his Senate seat if the Democrats win the White House may weaken his appeal. The Republicans in turn have sharpened their ammunition in Texas, where Mr Bush would dearly love to see the defeat of the man who once beat him for the Texas Senate seat.

New Jersey is also a state Mr Dukakis must win if he is to win back so-called "Reagan Democrats", the many blue-collar workers who defected to President Reagan in 1980 and 1984. But Mr Bush is also making inroads here, appealing to the working-class and Hispanic vote, which may influence the outcome of the Senate race.

Senator Lautenberg has run a disorganized campaign so far. He was also sharply attacked by Jewish voters for signing a letter, along with 30 other senators, criticizing the policies of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, earlier this spring.

There are many old faces in the Senate, however, who will have no difficulty is resuming their seats for another six years.

On the Democratic side, there is almost no opposition after able Republicans refused to challenge Senator George Mitchell of Maine, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, Senator Donald Riegler of Michigan and Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee.

Others who will return are Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, Senator Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii and the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

On the Republican side, there is no challenge to Senator John Danforth of Missouri, Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming, Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania and Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana.

Party loyalty does not play a big role in Senate elections, and many voters fequently split their tickets nowadays, especially in the South, where they vote Republican in presidential and Democrat in congressional contests. Good senators who establish a strong local presence are often supported, even if their party affiliation is not popular: Mr Dennis DeConcini, a Democrat in strongly Republican Arizona, is an example.

For this reason, presidential politics may affect the races only marginally, especially as neither Mr Bush nor Mr Dukakis have big coat-tails. Indeed, many Republicans have kept a marked distance from Mr Bush, while identifying themselves closely instead with President Reagan.

The economy is likely to be the main issue in Senate contests, but local issues can also determine the outcome.

US ELECTION

The Senate battleground on November 8

Democrats vulnerable (5)

Frank Lautenberg, New Jersey; Howard Metzenbaum, Ohio; Jeff Bingaman, New Mexico; Quentin Burdick, North Dakota; John Melcher, Montana.

Republicans vulnerable (5)

John Chafee, Rhode Island; Dave Durenberger, Minnesota; Pete Wilson, California; Lowell Weicker, Connecticut; William Roth, Delaware.

Republicans very vulnerable (2)

Chic Hecht, Nevada; David Karnes, Nebraska.

Open seats (3 each)

Florida; Mississippi; Vermont; Virginia; Washington; Wisconsin.

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Dilemma for Turkey

Fate casts former oppressor in role of Kurds' saviour

By Michael Dynes

With a foreign debt of over £22 billion, inflation running at 78 per cent, almost a fifth of the workforce unemployed, and an election near, the last thing Turkey needs is a resurgence of Kurdish nationalism.

But with the arrival in south-eastern Turkey of between 50,000 and 80,000 Kurds, fleeing the clouds of toxic gas allegedly used by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq in a last-ditch attempt to rid Baghdad of its troublesome warrior tribesmen, the Government is bracing itself for the worst.

By a perverse quirk of history, the Turkish authorities in Ankara, who have fought to stamp out every vestige of Kurdish nationalism within their borders since the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, have been cast reluctantly into the role of protector of the Kurdish people.

According to Mr William Hale, a specialist in Turkish affairs at the University of Durham, it is not a role that the Government of Mr Turgut Ozal is likely to embrace with any relish, particularly as its own problem with the Marxist Kurdish Workers' Party is far from resolved.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iraq, which earlier thanked Turkey for its "humanitarian aid", yesterday accused the authorities of "intimidating and harassing" refugees by providing insufficient aid.

"Mr Ozal was confronted by an acute dilemma. For humanitarian reasons, Turkey — a Nato power — could not have denied sanctuary to the wretched Kurds fleeing from a recognized monster like Saddam Hussein. But economically and politically, they mean trouble," he said.

Despite repeated and vigorous denials from the Iraqi Government, Mr Hale is convinced that President Saddam is guilty of atrocities against Kurds and will go down in history as the first political leader to use chemical weapons against his own people.

"Because of the recent ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, Saddam Hussein has been able to move many of his battle-trained troops north in an attempt to build a *cordon sanitaire* around northern Iraq and to cut off the Kurds from external support. All the signs are that the Kurds have received a terrible punishment," he said.

But for political and economic reasons, Turkey has been forced to walk a delicate diplomatic tightrope and to play down allegations of Iraqi genocide against Kurds.

The most immediate problem facing Ankara is to find the estimated £166 million needed to feed, house and attend to the medical needs of the Iraqi Kurds in the five or so temporary settlement camps.

Last week Mr Ozal made a public appeal for international help to resettle at least half of the Iraqi Kurds in Western countries, but privately he must know the chances of success are slim.

More serious than housing the unwelcome guests, Mr Ozal now faces the prospect of an alliance between the Kurdish Workers' Party, fighting for an autonomous Kurdistan, and the Iraqi Peshmerga guerrillas, Mr Hale believes.

Mr Jalal Talabani, Secretary-General of the Iraqi Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, has already declared his intention of continuing the struggle against Baghdad from Turkey, and will be looking for support from the Workers' Party.

Turkey has ignored calls by President Saddam to close its border with Iraq, largely because it is physically impossible. But there is another reason. "Ankara does not want to appear to be taking sides in the Gulf conflict. That could sabotage the peace talks and deprive Turkey of desperately needed income from the Iraqi and Iranian postwar reconstruction programmes," Mr Hale said.

Mr Ozal's decision to grant sanctuary to the Iraqi Kurds appears to have won widespread approval in Turkey. But it is unlikely to help significantly his chances of winning the forthcoming referendum on advancing the election from March to November, thus depriving the opposition of time to exploit fully his economic woes.

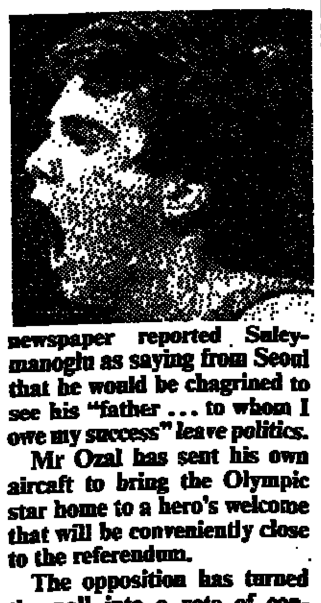
Seoul's gold gives Ozal political plus

**From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara**

Turkey's first Olympic gold medal for 20 years has caused the threat of a political crisis over Sunday's referendum to recede.

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, had threatened to withdraw from politics unless the referendum showed a majority of voters in favour of advancing the local elections to November.

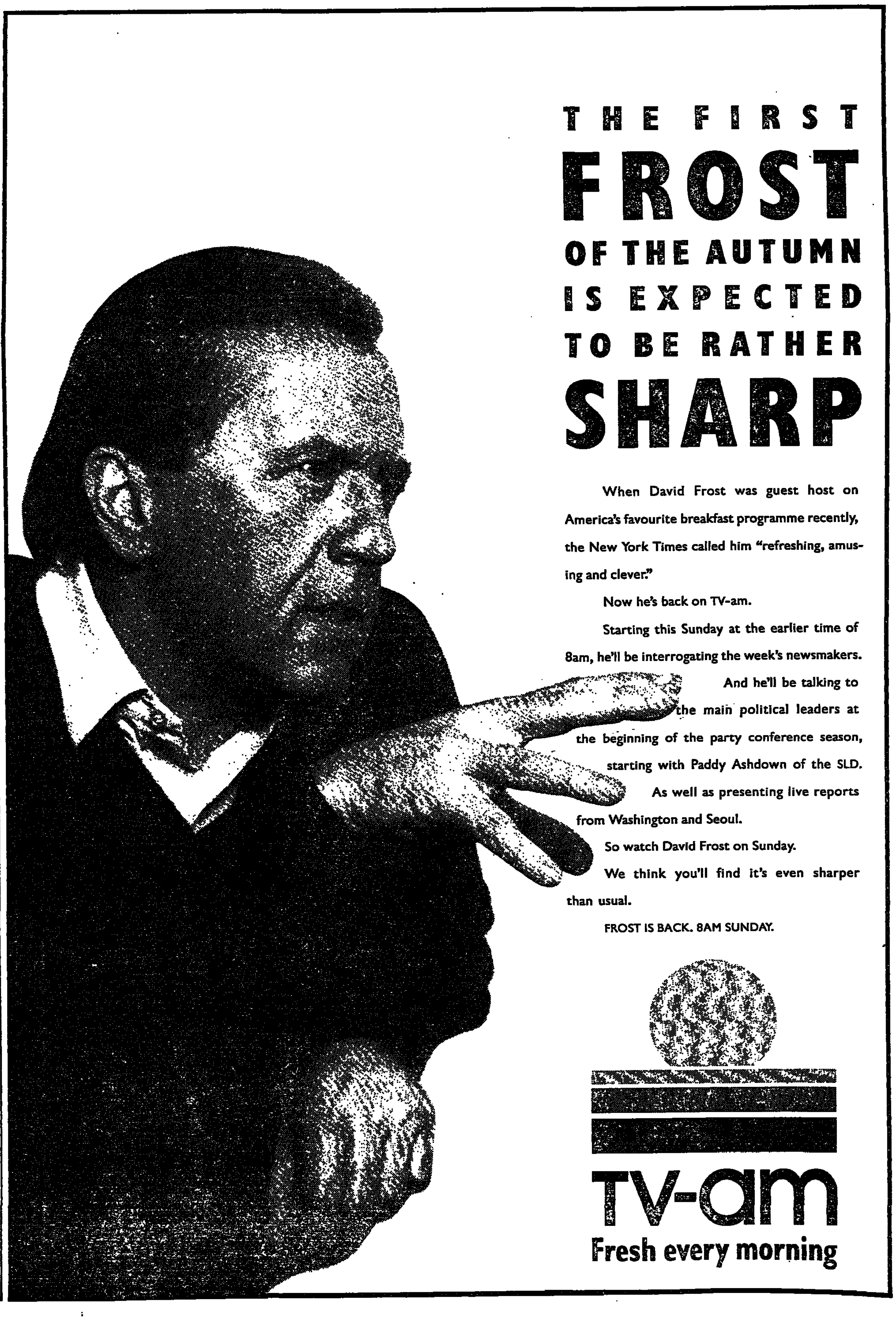
National attention has now focused, however, on Naim Suleymanoglu, right, who broke a world record in winning a weight-lifting gold medal and has become a national hero. Mr Suleymanoglu was symbolically "adopted" by Mr Ozal when he defected to Turkey from Bulgaria 21 months ago.



Turkey's biggest-selling newspaper reported Suleymanoglu as saying from Seoul that he would be chagrined to see his "father ... to whom I owe my success" *leave politics*.

Mr Ozal has sent his own aircaft to bring the Olympic star home to a hero's welcome that will be conveniently close to the referendum.

The opposition has turned the poll into a vote of confidence in the Prime Minister.



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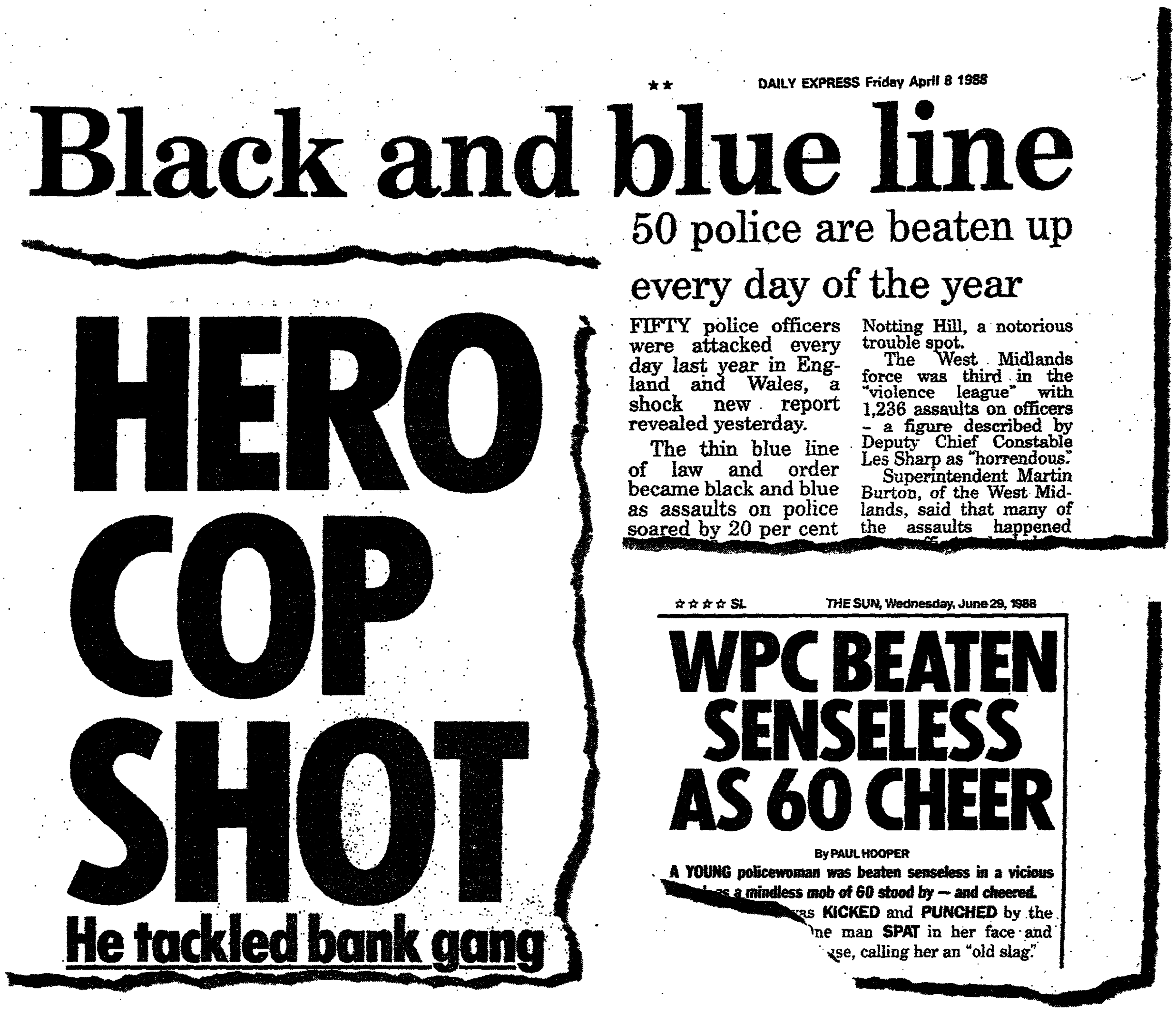

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Black and blue line

50 police are beaten up every day of the year

FIFTY police officers were attacked every day last year in England and Wales, a shock new report revealed yesterday.

The thin blue line of law and order became black and blue as assaults on police soared by 20 per cent

Notting Hill, a notorious trouble spot.

The West Midlands force was third in the "violence league" with 1,236 assaults on officers – a figure described by Deputy Chief Constable Les Sharp as "horrendous."

Superintendent Martin Burton, of the West Midlands, said that many of the assaults happened

HERO COP SHOT

He tackled bank gang

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WPC BEATEN SENSELESS AS 60 CHEER

By PAUL HOOPER

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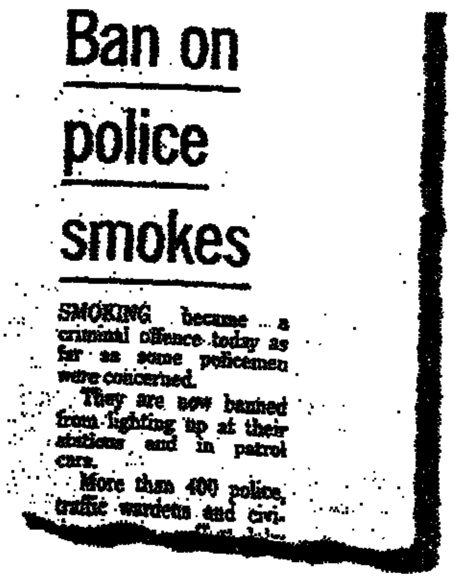

Ban on police smokes

SMOKING became a criminal offence today as far as some policemen were concerned.

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More than 400 police, traffic wardens and civi-

After the bricks, bottles and bullets, shouldn't the police be spared the attentions of the anti-smoking lobby?

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Sergeant outranks figurehead general in new Haiti regime

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

Soldiers and non-commissioned officers in the Haitian Army appear to have consolidated their hold on power after Saturday's palace coup.

It is also becoming apparent that the man chosen by the rebels to lead the country, General Prosper Avril, has little authority beyond carrying out the wishes of his mutinous troops.

Members of a left-wing political delegation which had talks with the Government said the general appeared to be running things jointly with the real leader of the coup, a semi-literate Medical Corps soldier, Sergeant Joseph Habreux, aged 27.

"We found them together. They take decisions together. Avril is a member of a permanent working Cabinet with Habreux at his side," a delegation spokesman said.

Foreign diplomats here describe the relationship between the two as one of necessity. Sergeant Habreux has the confidence of the mutineers, but he lacks General Avril's political astuteness and also his administrative knowledge.

"This is a fairy-tale coup. They are idealists," said one Haitian analyst. "They are idealists without an ideology, and with no idea how to carry this through."

The tense and fragile alliance between the general and the sergeant appears to have the support of most politicians in the country.

"We know Prosper Avril is part of the old regime, but as long as he marches with the soldiers we have no problem with him," Mr Jean Mesyeux, a union activist, said.

"They presented him to us as a defender of the soldiers' movement," said Mr Evans Paul, leader of the left-wing Confederation for Democratic Unity, which was invited to the palace to discuss a request by the Government to call off a demonstration supporting the coup because of security fears. "They need him."

Western diplomats agree. "They really have no choice," explained one European envoy. "There was no obvious political leader to place in charge. They had to go with someone they knew.

"Avril may be an old Duvalierist. He is even said to be looking after the interests of the Duvaliers in exile. He is certainly one of the richest men in Haiti. And yet he seems to have the confidence of the men."

The mutineers have retired or discharged much of the old military High Command. The other prominent exception is Colonel Jean-Claude Paul, the popular commander of the feared Dessalines Battalion, who is wanted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges.

The group which met the Government said assurances were given of the profoundly reformist nature of the new regime and its determination to "systematically clean out" the armed forces of all the members of the Duvalierist militia known as the Tontons *Macoute*.

The group appealed to the Haitian people to organize themselves in support of the coup and to accept the choice of General Avril as a practical necessity.

A coalition of the four centrist politicians who were front-runners in last year's abortive presidential elections also issued a statement supporting the coup.

Colonel Jean-Claude Paul, right, wanted by the United States for alleged drug trafficking, chatting to a soldier as he leaves army headquarters in the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince.

Hawke signals Nazi round-up

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

Suspected Nazi war criminals, who have been living in Australia for more than 40 years, are to face prosecution as a result of a dossier compiled by a government special investigation force.

Working under top security conditions, the task force, headed by Mr Bob Greenwood, QC, has established that up to .500 war crime suspects are now living in Australia.

At least 12 are suspected of mass murder, torturing and executing prisoners of war, and terrorizing civilians.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said in Canberra yesterday: "There are people who appear to have been guilty not just of marginal crimes but of quite horrendous atrocities."

The authorities plan to arrest suspects within the next few weeks. It is understood that several are prominent members of Australia's ethnic communities, escaping from Europe immediately after the war to join 170,000 immigrants to Australia.

None of the suspects has been informed of the investigation into their past. But Mr Greenwood says that all will be formally notified and given the opportunity to make a statement before being charged.

Under the amended War Crimes Act of 1945, prosecutions would be heard in Australia's Supreme Court before a jury, since the Government wishes to avoid any impression of show trials.

Welcoming the decision to unmask Nazis, Mr Isi Liebler of the Jewish community, commented: "Symbolically history requires a recognition that people who indulged in these terrible crimes should not be allowed to live their lives out among us as normal human beings. It's not an issue of vengeance, it's an issue of justice."

The trials are likely to be lengthy and the Government is bracing itself for an emotional debate. Some ethnic communities are already expressing unease over prosecutions which they say could become persecutions.

There is also controversy because the state prosecutor will rely on evidence from the Soviet Union.

First, however, the Australian Government has to pass legislation under which those convicted will face up to 25 years imprisonment.

The Duchess of York arrived in Sydney yesterday five days ahead of an official tour of Australia. The Duke of York will join her from HMS Edinburgh, which is lying off Sydney, on Sunday.

Tibet riots anniversary

China prepared to crush unrest

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

If on October 1, China's National Day, memories are the only things which are active in Tibet, China's leaders will be extremely relieved. Last year it was a question of bullets and stones.

As travellers returning from Tibet report an increased police watch on the Buddhist temples, both the Peking and Lhasa authorities appear aware of the strength of feeling which will be aroused by the anniversary of the popular uprising in Tibet.

Since the riots hardly any foreign journalists have been allowed into the region. But not even China's leaders are pretending that the problem has gone away, recognizing the "long-term nature" of the struggle and tightening security accordingly.

The picture which emerges from Tibet is one of a people desperate for freedom from what they believe to be Chinese oppression.

On September 7, 30 nuns protesting outside the Jokang temple were led away. Just how many similar protests have taken place since the second wave of riots in March is not known.

A British group led by Lord Ennals who visited Tibet earlier this year said they found a pattern of human rights abuses and fear. They talked in terms of a "reign of terror" and Lord Ennals estimated that about 2,000 Tibetans were still missing after widespread arrests and torture.

The riots a year ago came after several thousand Tibetans, including monks, demonstrated against what they saw as Chinese occupation and the destruction of their culture. During these riots, and those which followed last March, hundreds are estimated to have been killed and hundreds more arrested.

Last month a visiting US senator, Mr Patrick Leahy, was told by the Lhasa authorities that only about 25 of those originally detained remained in prison. But no reliable figures are available.

China claims to have a historical right to rule Tibet but it is to the Dalai Lama, exiled in India, that the majority of Tibetans look for guidance. The riots were blamed by Peking on agitation by foreign supporters of the Dalai Lama.

Since then both sides have suggested compromise. China said the Dalai Lama could live in Tibet if he gave up his separatist goals. For his part, the Dalai Lama proposed a "semi-independent" Tibet, which China has rejected and which would be regarded anyway by Tibet extremists as a sell-out.

While condemning the Dalai Lama's foreign speeches on human rights abuses in Tibet, Peking maintains Tibet has benefited from being absorbed into China and that standards of education, medicine and culture have been raised. However, the destruction of temples during the Cultural Revolution is uppermost in many Tibetans' minds.

Tibet's secondary spiritual leader, the Panchen Lama, who is also a government official, has blamed the riots on the "leftist" policies the Chinese have implemented in Tibet. Moreover, he made it quite clear that the Chinese authorities were split between those who argued for restraint in dealing with the rioters and those who wanted to subdue them quickly.

While China has given much media coverage to the amount of money it is spending on repairing old monasteries and reprinting ancient Tibetan texts, it lost no time in setting up a special detatchment of armed police to handle what Lhasa radio described as "sudden incidents" and deal "resolute blows to separatists". Peking is well prepared for whatever may occur in Lhasa.

Delhi (AFP) — China has called for the first time for direct talks with the Dalai Lama and asked him to choose a venue.

A spokesman at the Chinese Embassy here said yesterday that the offer had been made earlier this month to a representative of the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, but there had been no response so far. The embassy ruled out foreign involvement in the talks, and said that the idea of Tibet's independence would not be discussed.

Israel polio alert

Jerusalem — The Israeli Health Ministry has ordered the re-inoculation of 250,000 civilians and all serving soldiers after an outbreak of polio. Twelve cases have been diagnosed. The source has been traced to poor sewage disposal in the Hadera and Ramle-Lod districts in the centre of the country. Sewage samples elsewhere are being sampled.

Lawyer sues

Nairobi (AFP) — Mr Gibson Kuria, a lawyer, awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, says he will sue the Kenyan Government for the return of his passport so he can travel to collect his prize.

Incomes deal

Helsinki (Reuter) — Finnish unions have signed a deal that will limit wage increases to 1 per cent for a year in return for tax cuts of 1.5 per cent.

Activist held

Panama City (Reuter) — Police arrested Señor Alberto Conte, an active opponent of the Noriega regime, accusing him of "threatening state security".

Prisoners free

Tripoli (AFP) — Libya has freed 214 prisoners from its conflict with Chad at a ceremony witnessed by diplomats, and said another 65 prisoners are to be released.

Drug sentence

Mexico City (AFP) — A Mexican drug-runner has been jailed for 34 years for kidnapping a US agent, while a member of the same gang has been convicted in Los Angeles of the agent's murder.

Alpine crash

Grenoble (Reuter) — A French high-speed train hit a lorry stalled at a level crossing in the Alps, killing the train driver and injuring 35 passengers.

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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

Seoul

I do hope nobody missed the astonishing boxing fraças this week in which a dozen or more Korean officials piled into the ring to beat up the referee after a Korean had, quite justifiably, lost a fight. It was as if boxing was parodying itself. A security guard, who is meant to prevent such incidents, was seen to kick the poor ref in the head – and he was still on duty later in the day. The losing boxer staged a 67-minute sit-in in protest, to no avail.

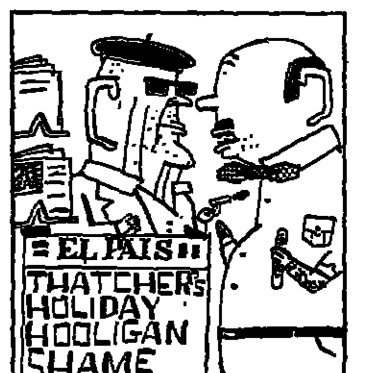
Well, if you're half a pace in the wrong, go the whole hog and outface the world. Here's the *Korean Times*: "Korean bantamweight Byun Jong-il fought two men – his opponent, a Bulgarian boxer, and the referee. Unfair judging should be challenged ... The referee from New Zealand, clearly favouring the Bulgarian boxer, forced Byun to lose his attack rhythm by stopping the fight and serving cautions ... Korean officials and home fans had the right to be angry with the judges' unilateral way of managing the fight. Behind the incident is the fact that the chief of the Seoul Olympic boxing is a Bulgarian." You know, for a moment, I thought there might have been something a little embarrassing about the incident.

Memo to Mrs Thatcher: here is how a politician ought to treat a successful athlete. Naim Sulymanoglu, the Turkish gold medal weightlifter ("the pocket Hercules") and long-time hero of this column, will go home in the private jet of the Turkish prime minister, Turgut Ozal. When he gets there, he will be given a flat worth £30,000 and a car worth £6,000. Every month, he will receive £600 for the rest of his life. I'm sure Mrs Thatcher could spare a jet and a pension for Adrian Moorhouse and Malcolm Cooper. They've earned it.

This column's award for athletic dedication goes to Mike Evans, an American water polo player. He's a former Mormon missionary to Venezuela, and while on his mission he kept in training by ploughing up and down a local river. It was pointed out to him by startled Venezuelans that the river was full of piranha fish. Evans, perhaps muttering "Oh, really?", continued to plunge into the river every day. A gold medal for lunacy is the least he deserves.

One of Korea's little specialities is forged brand-name clothes and watches. ("They won't know any different in the pub," said an Englishman with a fake Rolex. Landlord, a pint for my friend with the green wrist.) Officials are strict about the regulations against exposing brand names to the cameras. Many competitors have bought forged Fila shirts, which have two designer marks to show how prestigious they are. The regulations allow only one brand name per item, so people are walking about in forged Filas with one mark taped over. A British judge, Bryan Willis, wore his shirt inside out.

BARRY FANTONI



'If you ask me, it's British PMs running riot in Bruges that warrant an apology'

Words from a female American athlete attending her third Olympics: "You can't be Daley Thomson. Daley Thomson is fat – I've seen him on television." A pity that the man she was speaking to was Daley Thomson. I wish I could report that Daley's sense of humour was up to the occasion.

The mother of Ben "The Human Bullet" Johnson came to town to see her boy make his assault on the 100 metres gold medal. I don't know how much of it she saw. Gloria Johnson went from Toronto to Rome to watch her son run in the World Athletic Championships last year, and didn't see him run a stride. "I closed my eyes," she said. "I said a prayer. The gun went off and it was over. I didn't see it, but I knew he won." She saw the race later on a recording, but she is still sometimes too nervous to watch the video. As for Johnson, he said before the event: "I'm going to do it for my Mum."

Just because I'm in Seoul doesn't mean I have lost touch with reality. I can reveal that, come the New Year, you will be able to buy an entire album of football songs. If you felt queasy with songs like "Blue is the colour, football is the game," or "World Cup Willy," then this is the album to make you throw up.

It will be called 4-2-4 (geddit?) and will have 20 of the "best" songs in the genre. Mike Alway of El Records is masterminding the project. "I found out the other day that even Hartlepool have made a record," he said. "What on earth have they got to celebrate?" He has tracked down more than 100 records, including three by Leyton Orient. Quality? "You don't apply normal musical criteria to this sort of record," he said. "The best come from the classic period of songs like 'Nice One, Cyril'."

Let me warn those of delicate sensibilities against listening to : "Viva El Fulham"; "Leeds, Leeds, Leeds"; "We're Going Up" (by Aston Villa); and "Come on you Brentford". Worst of the lot, by a goodish margin, is a song from Fisher Athletic of the GM Vauxhall Conference. It is called "Come on the Fish" and is "sung" by David Slater, Fisher Athletic's bank manager.

Michael Meadowcroft sends a message to the SLD conference

Bring back the Liberals

Paddy Ashdown's victory in the SLD leadership election puts him firmly in the driving seat, and he can probably do pretty much as he wishes with the party at its Blackpool conference starting today, but only at a price.

Leaders of established parties can warn about "bumpy rides" and view with equanimity the possibility of some members falling off the vehicle en route. A new party needs to take more care, particularly when it languishes in the polls and has manifestly failed, so far, to inspire a majority of its component parties' former members to participate.

Paddy Ashdown will need all his diplomatic skills if he is to keep present members on board and motivate them to bring in others. Recent reports that a number of SLD MPs are far from being wholehearted followers are an indication of the seriousness of the problem.

He needs to pay particular attention to those Liberals who have been engaged for years in the rough task of fighting Labour in its strongholds. Many of these colleagues are among the most disenchanted with the new party, which they see as continuing the Alliance trend away from the radical cutting edge that enabled them to make real political and electoral headway, even in huge wards in big cities.

On the face of it the new leader should have an immediate rapport with these colleagues. One of the few issues to divide him from Alan Beith during their campaigns for the party leadership was the new party's immediate and long-term strategy. Ashdown believed that the SLD should replace Labour as the alternative government to the Conservatives.

Under questioning, his perception of the means of achieving this was less clear, relying on the assertion that we had already replaced Labour in more than 200 seats where we are currently second to the Conservatives. But the task is to develop a party capable of defeating Labour in the 200 seats it now holds, otherwise, paradoxically, one actually replaces the Conservatives while professing to tackle Labour.

It is not always appreciated how much weaker the new party is in the inner cities compared with the Liberal Party of 15 years ago. Indeed, in a number of cities, such as Hull, Birmingham, Bradford and Manchester, our representation is lower than that of the the Liberals in 1963. And seats won in the Labour heartlands of Sheffield, Birkenhead and Newcastle disappeared many years ago.

Most significantly of all, Liverpool Liberals have maintained their strength on their city council by replacing the Tories. Most of the many inner wards won from Labour in the 1970s have reverted, but these have been so consistently replaced by victories in the suburbs that there are now only two Conservative councillors on a council they controlled until 1972.

The only bright spots are in London, where there were only seven inner-city Liberal councillors in 1962 compared with the widespread representation today, including control of Tower Hamlets. However, it only wants the anti-Labour "London effect" to be diminished and these seats will also become vulnerable.

Labour's so-called strongholds will be gained only with local commitment and dedication and a national image consistent with local activity. The greatest challenge is to find and inspire self-starters in Labour areas.

Unlike new products, sold through hugely expensive advertising campaigns, political parties rely on cadres of dedicated, active members. The lack of an identifiable set of values, as epitomized by a value-free name, prevents the recruitment of such crucial individuals. Political realism demands that the party's name be changed. Neither SLD nor Democrat is saleable in areas that suffered Labour's brand of social democracy for decades and which have a residual attachment to Liberalism, nurtured over decades.

I sometimes think that those who promote the interminable bureaucratic demands of the present party constitution can have no idea of the problems people face in Labour areas.

The potential Liberal Party officer or candidate for a ward of up to 18,000 people may well be a single parent without a telephone, a car or possibly even a bank account.

The basic assumptions of the constitution, with its ballots and paper work, are essentially middle-class. The national membership system assumes the chequebook society rather than the regular collector on the doorstep. Although I am talking of a minority of constituencies, they are the most important if we are to replace Labour.

Newness is fine if there is no tradition, but, as in many cities, I am surrounded by Liberal clubs whose presence reinforces the name. Each year another Liberal club contemplates changing its name, usually for economic reasons; it is difficult to argue for keeping the name when the party itself has diluted it so much.

When one comes across someone of like mind, what does one now ask? "Are you SLD?" Or: "Are you a Democrat?" Neither is accurate or resonant. One of my local Liberal clubs – in addition to the usual penalties for actions that harm the club – can expel a member who "ceases to be a Liberal" or is "guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Liberal Party." We have no chance of building on such robust traditions while the present party rubrics remain in force.

The Alliance years have been difficult in our areas and Paddy Ashdown does not have the luxury of time if we are to win local government elections in 1990 and the general election thereafter.

The name change is needed at this conference. We can replace Labour anywhere so long as we do not have to fight with both hands tied behind our back. If the description "Liberal Democrat" is important for the party leader in his Yeovil constituency it is certainly as important everywhere else.

The author was formerly Liberal MP for Leeds West.

Philip Howard

Vindolanda's open window

British nationalists, Joan Bulls from Boudicca to the Prime Minister on safari round Europe, see Britain as the centre of the civilized world. The latest on Ancient Britons, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, gives the alternative, continental view of Britain as the boondocks, expressed early by Virgil, "The Brits pretty well isolated from the whole of the rest of the world," and repeated with unpersuasive monotony ever since.

The latest finds and interpretations from Chesterholm (aka Vindolanda to continentals) in Northumberland adhere to this weird foreign view of Britain as cold, wet, remote, uncivilized, and philistine. It is Britain as seen today through the eyes of the owners of a Chinese takeaway in darkest Ayrshire, coping with the local accents and staring incredulously out at the wall of solid Scotch mist.

The Vindolanda writing tablets are of extraordinary importance and interest. They are the earliest reports of every-day life in Britain, concerned not with great men and earthshaking events, but ordinary people in a little military village in the north, away on the world's rim, leading unexceptional lives 18 centuries ago. They are our earliest written roots.

The first of these Vindolanda writing-tablets was discovered in March, 1973, by the archaeologist and Roman historian Robin Birley, while he was excavating in a deep trench at the southwest corner of the third-century fort at Vindolanda. He found "two small thin fragments of wood which looked rather like oily plane shavings."

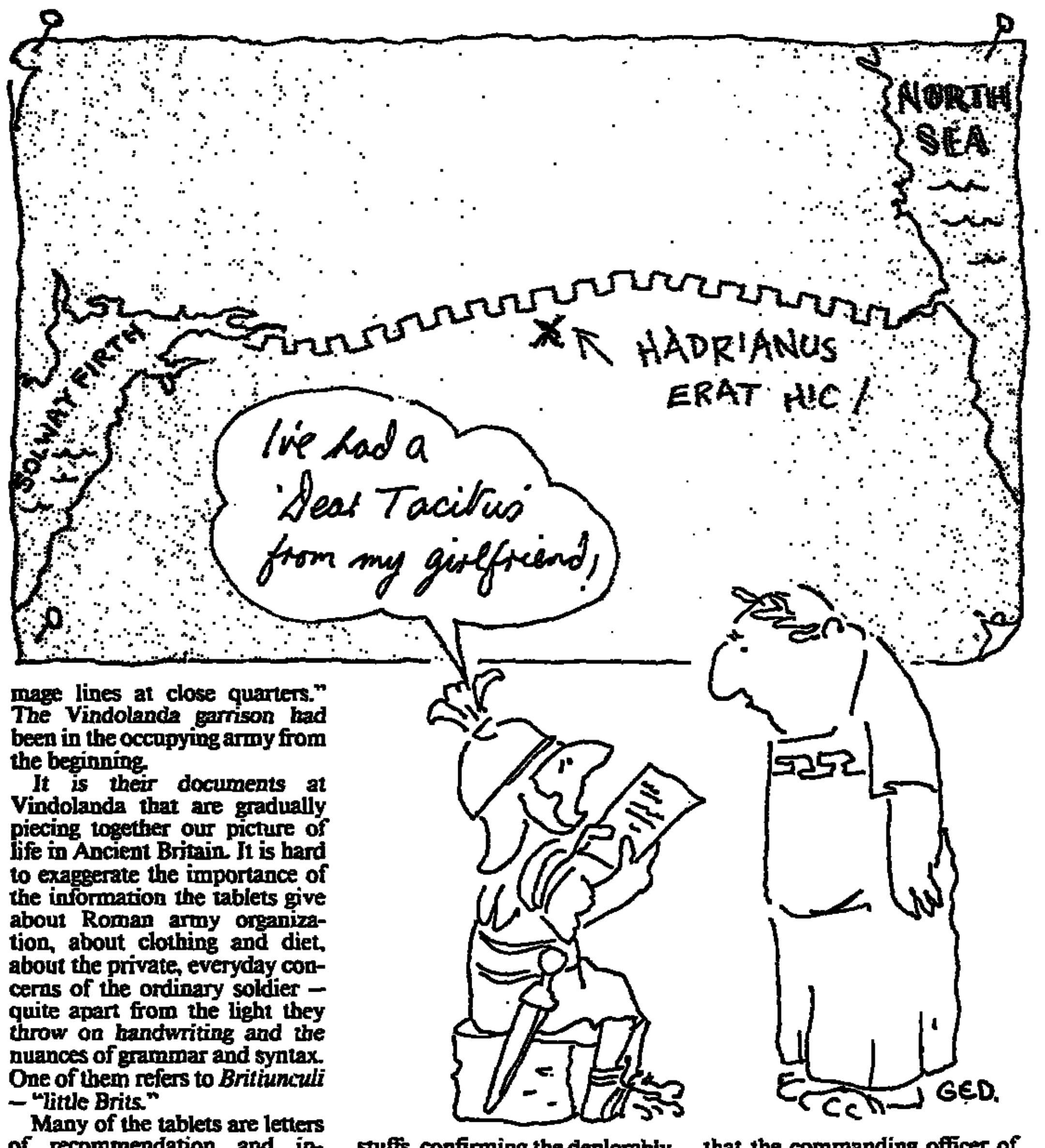
These slivers, when gently prised apart, proved to contain writing on their inner faces, but this rapidly began to fade on exposure to the air. They came from an earlier fort and *vicus* (a civilian settlement that grew up beside a fort) from the early years of the Roman occupation, before Hadrian's Wall was built, an otherwise black hole in British history.

Vindolanda lies on the Stanegate Roman road, off our modern B6318, just south of Hadrian's Wall, and about half way along it, two and a half miles west of Housesteads. It was not a big strategic centre compared to Coria (probably Corbridge) or Pons Aelius (Newcastle-upon-Tyne); more the size of Cattaractonia (Catterick) where the latest letter-writer has some ox hides: "I would already have fetched them but I didn't want to cause difficulties for the mules as the roads are bad." It was an auxiliary fort, i.e. for provincial, non-Italian troops, usually cavalry, posted for a tour of duty on the northern frontier.

In the past 15 years several hundred writing tablets have been found, preserved in a rubbish dump by the most conspicuous feature of the local climate, the wet. Not many other parts of the Roman Empire were wet enough to preserve writing in wood, as opposed to writing incised on stone or inscribed on wax. There are many more tablets to come. We are gradually building up a detailed picture of life for the ordinary soldier and the native Brit in an unremarkable outpost of empire. It is a unique record because it is not about Caesars but Everyman.

The tablets show that the garrison consisted at times of the Eighth Cohort of Batavians and the First Cohort of Tungrians. The Batavians were a Germanic people from the mouth of the Rhine, whose name is preserved in the Dutch district of Betuwe. They were famous horsemen who served in the Roman army under their own chiefs from the middle of the 1st century AD and were often found in the personal bodyguard of emperors. The Tungrians came from northern Gaul, near the modern Liège.

In 83AD when the battle of Mons Graupius (almost certainly by Auchinhove on the Moray Firth) hung in the balance, the Roman general Agricola sent in his Batavians and Tungrians. He told them to bring things to the sword's point and hand-to-hand fighting, a manoeuvre familiar to them from long service, and embarrassing to the British, whose shields were too short and swords too long: "for the British swords, without points, did not allow them to fight in locked scrummage lines at close quarters." The Vindolanda garrison had been in the occupying army from the beginning.



It is their documents at Vindolanda that are gradually piecing together our picture of life in Ancient Britain. It is hard to exaggerate the importance of the information the tablets give about Roman army organization, about clothing and diet, about the private, everyday concerns of the ordinary soldier – quite apart from the light they throw on handwriting and the nuances of grammar and syntax. One of them refers to *Brittunculi* – "little Brits."

Many of the tablets are letters of recommendation and introductions. The latest batch contains a number of formal applications to go on leave. This seems to have been a popular activity, with Corbridge, the Athens of the North, a favourite destination. At one stage, of the 750-strong cohort only 270 men were on station at Vindolanda, and a tenth of those were sick.

Others are personal letters: "I have sent you . . . pairs of socks from Sattua two pairs of sandals and two pairs of sandals and two pairs of underpants (*subligariorum*)." Others are official accounts, including lists of foodstuffs, confirming the deplorably hearty eating habits in the North to keep out the cold: barley, goat's meat, young pig, ham, and venison, washed down by beer and wine, both good quality and plonk. "The first point of my letter is to hope that you are fit and well. A friend has sent me 50 oysters from Cordonovi." Other letters refer to the purchase of despatch of clothing, including socks (*udones*).

Most of the letters can be dated to between 95 and 105 AD, a period of British history that until now has been virtually blank. We know from the tablets that the commanding officer of the Batavians at one point was Flavius Cerialis, and that a CO of the Tungrians was called Crispinus. Some of the latest tablets include an inventory of furniture and fittings of the sort that COs of British Army units still hand over and get their successors to sign. At Vindolanda they itemized things down to the last salt cellar and vinegar bowl. One explanation of the hoard of documents is that at some stage, for some reason, the files of the CO's quarters were shredded into a rubbish dump.

One letter makes reference to a trip to Rome, remarkable and moving to find in this furthest boundary of the empire. There is a rare example of a letter between two Roman women, presumably the wives of senior officers. In it Flavia Severa invites Lepedina to her birthday party.

Remember that these auxiliary Dutchmen had been naturalized Roman citizens for only a generation. Yet here they are, up in the sticks, writing contemporary idiomatic Latin, quoting Virgil and evidently teaching their children Virgil in the garrison school. The multitude and variety of different hands implies that it was not just the officer class and professional scribes who could write. There are at least 600 different hands on the Vindolanda tablets. It was a highly literate society.

The written record is the unique and still promising feature of Vindolanda. But the waterlogged conditions of these old pits in the North preserved wool and leather as well as wooden tablets. The leatherware includes a perfect apron-pouch for tools, large fragments of clothing, part of a tent-piece, and notably a huge collection of Roman shoes, including a superb lady's slipper, complete with maker's name. Up at Vindolanda they needed not just gumboots and green wellies, but shoes from the early equivalent of Gucci and Lobb's.

About 70 per cent of the leather goods have the touch of metropolitan craftsmen, while the rest were probably made on site. Three shoes found so far have the maker's stamp, and came from high-class *haute couture* establishments.

It may have been the chilly extremity of the civilized world. But up in Vindolanda they had a sauna, and flush lavatories, and central heating, and baths, and a hotel for visitors. After the Romans went home, and the little Brits broke off their continental connection, it took us many centuries to recover the standard of living of our not-so-rude forefathers. Only about 8 per cent of the Vindolanda site has been excavated. More surprises wait to be unearthed.

Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

As unsafe as houses

Washington

In the New York suburb of Yonkers, a vicious dispute has been going on between city officials and a federal judge over the location of council flats. The good burghers of Yonkers say they are not racists for opposing the construction of housing for the poor, mostly black, in their mostly white, middle-class neighbourhood. They say their real concern is property values. Actually, I believe them. Or at least, I find it plausible.

According to one Yonkers estate agent, a three-bedroom house bought for between $18,000 and $30,000 in the mid-1950s would sell for ten times as much today. For these home-owners, this unexpected bonanza is their nest egg. (Nationally, the home represents about 65 per cent of the average person's net worth.)

If the estate agent is right, the proposed public housing might knock 10 per cent – $25,000 or so – off the price of nearby houses. Thus the real significance of the Yonkers episode may be to illustrate again how American society is being twisted and torn by the enormous increase in property prices.

There are signs, however, that property may be heading for a crash. The same is true in Britain, I gather, but the effect would be felt more deeply in America, where more people own their homes (60 per cent of the populace). Nationally, house prices are barely rising. The average price of an existing home rose 3.7 per cent during the year ending in July. That is less than the rate of inflation.

The main reason to think a crash might be coming is the huge gap between the cost of owning a house and the cost of renting one. For two decades, house prices have gone up twice as fast as rents. A four-bedroom house in a sought-after Washington suburb might cost $500,000 (up from $400,000 last year). That house can be rented for $2,400 a month. Adding rates to mortgage payments, the cost of buying a house in Washington is more than double the cost of renting one.

Why would someone pay twice as much to live in the same house? Yes, there are tax benefits, but not nearly enough to explain the differential. The romance of home ownership may be part of it. However, the main reason is clearly the belief that prices will keep going up. When today's price is simply a bet that tomorrow's price will be even higher, you have a classic speculative bubble.

As investors in pyramid schemes throughout the ages have learned – and as stock market investors were reminded last year – the "greater fool" theory cannot be right for ever.

Of course, people have been saying this about property for years. And in the United States, as in southern England, they have been wrong – so far. What evidence is there that this time things are different? First, there is today's price slowdown, coming at a time when the economy is buoyant and interest rates are relatively low. A market that counts on future increases to support today's prices can turn a slowdown into a rout pretty quickly.

Second, there is the recent tax reform, which reduced tax rates, thereby making mortgage tax rebates less valuable. This increases the after-tax cost of home ownership, a fact that is just beginning to sink in.

Third, there are 28 per cent more houses on the market than a year ago. That's ominous. Comstock Partners, a New York financial firm that is spreading the property crash scare, advises home-owners to sell and rent. I certainly lack the courage to take this advice. (The only person I know who has acted on the belief that the market has peaked is a Londoner.)

But if even a few home-owners become persuaded that prices are about to topple, then they will be right: prices *will* topple. A property crash would be far more traumatic than the stock market crash. Not only do people have more invested in their houses than in stocks, but that investment is heavily leveraged through mortgages. A 25 per cent fall in prices (which Houston has already suffered) would wipe out many home-owners' entire investment.

No one knows to what extent the consumer boom of recent years has been fed by people's belief that their houses were making them rich. A property nose-dive might easily lead to the recession the stock market crash did not.

On the other hand a decline in house prices, if not a crash, would be a healthy development. Who would really be harmed? Not young people who have yet to buy a home. In 1950, it cost 14 per cent of the average 30-year-old's income to buy an average-priced home. Today it costs 44 per cent. At those levels, many do not even qualify for a mortgage.

The percentage of young home-owners has dropped dramatically. Most people who already own homes are either going to live in them for many more years or trade up. Regional variations may affect them, but in general the houses they sell and the houses they buy will go up or down together.

The group hurt by a downturn in house prices would be older people selling their last house. But they are likely to have bought for a small fraction of today's prices. It's rough justice if they make a smaller profit and home ownership becomes more affordable for young people.

The bloated prices of existing houses may make the owners feel rich, but they add nothing to the nation's wealth. A house is exactly the same house after it doubles in "value".

In fact, as my favourite economist, Henry George, pointed out a century ago, inflated land values make the economy less efficient. They operate like a tax on the truly productive factors, labour and capital. Housing inflation has depressed our economy, frenzied our psyches, divided our society. A turn-round would be nerve wracking, but no bad thing.

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SEPT 24 **ON THIS DAY** 1918

Turkish rule in Palestine was ended by the last great cavalry action of the First World War, the 5th Cavalry Division advancing 500 miles in five weeks' fighting.

CAVALRY COMES INTO ITS OWN

Brilliant Charges

(From W. T. Massey)

Palestine Headquarters

General Allenby has crushed the Turkish 7th and 8th Armies, his cavalry has closed every exit except one, which cannot be reached by many of the enemy, and in a wide encircling movement the horsemen have brilliantly broken down all attempts to put up delaying rearguard fights. The cavalry have captured Nazareth, Shechem, Beisan and Jenin. They had one charge on the Plain of Armageddon and another at Jenin, and secured an enormous quantity of valuable booty. And we have not heard the last of their efforts.

Once the infantry had broken through the southern defences the cavalry had great opportunities, while the infantry has continued to display superb skill and endurance in driving the enemy from the hills between the Plain of Sharon and the Judaean plateau. The cavalry movements, which were perfectly timed, have been a triumphant success, and they showed unfailing regularity in fulfilling the plans laid down by the Staff. British Yeomanry, Australian Light Horse, Indian cavalry, all in magnificent condition and a high state of training, have performed a feat almost without parallel in this war. Critics who declared that the day of cavalry is over must hide their heads. The utter defeat of the Turkish Palestine Army would not have been possible but for General Allenby's bold use of the cavalry. Their part in this extremely important battle will probably take a leading place in the military text-books.

Directly the Londoners and the Indian infantry had carried the three lines of trenches on the sea coast early on Thursday, the Yeomanry and the Indian cavalry moved up the seashore at a gallop, crossed the Nahr Falik, swept north, and got over the Nahr Iskanderun, collecting 750 prisoners on the way. After sundown they advanced north-east, left the low ground, and got into the hills east of Mount Carmel and rode over the Plain of Esdraelon. At sunrise yesterday they climbed the hill on which Nazareth stands, and there met considerable opposition. They surrounded the town, which was taken during the morning with 2,300 prisoners, including many German telegraphists, mechanics, and other technical troops.

A regiment of Indian Lancers, acting as advance guard, had the opportunity which all cavalry desire. A Turkish battalion was lightly dug in on the flat, about two miles from the entrance to the pass. The Lancers dashed out of the narrow defile, extended, galloped over the Plain of Armageddon, and crashed into the infantry machine-gunners with the lance, killing 90, and wounding as many more. They also took 410 prisoners. The charge was most brilliantly executed. The cavalry had to gallop over exposed ground against a heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, but never faltered, each wave of horsemen riding through the enemy. Those who were not killed threw up their hands and surrendered.

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SERIOUS QUESTIONS

When Thames Television's *Death on the Rock* was shown in April, the immediate controversy centred on whether or not the film was liable to prejudice the inquest into the deaths of three IRA terrorists. At the time, the atmosphere was rife with cynical speculation that the inquest would be postponed indefinitely, that the British authorities might not take part and — most widely alleged of all — that the IRA terrorists were killed as part of deliberate "shoot-to-kill" policy.

The inquest is taking place. The SAS men have testified. The evidence has slowly stripped away assumption and allegation, leaving a simpler pattern of evidence and a good deal less melodramatic story than the film-makers alleged.

But yesterday saw a significant change of gear. The coroner's court heard a witness who — as the documentary-makers themselves might put it — raised "serious questions" about the way in which the film was conceived and made in the first place.

Mr Kenneth Asquez, a 20-year old bank clerk, did this in the course of demolishing his own "evidence" about a soldier who had put his foot on a terrorist's chest before firing into him at point-blank range. This was a fiction dreamt up, it now appears, to relieve himself of the nuisance of being pestered by people assisting Thames Television.

He had been near the scene of the shooting but had not seen it. Hints were dropped that money would be paid in exchange for his "statement".

He did not sign his largely imaginary account. His words were read out on the film, introduced as follows. "Also wishing to protect his identity, he has given a detailed statement to a lawyer representing *This Week*." This phrasing clearly implies that the statement was signed and that the signatory would stand by what he had written.

In truth it was neither signed nor would the hapless Mr Asquez stand by it — as the first policeman to interview him quickly discovered. The introduction attempts, quite spuriously, to clothe a piece of fantasy, which the programme makers must have known had not been signed as a considered statement, with the solemn authority of legal process.

The Thames Television executive responsible for the film yesterday denied that money had been offered to witnesses or that Mr Asquez had been put under any pressure. He implied that the film had contributed information and witnesses to the inquest which would not otherwise have been found by the Gibraltar police.

That is not an adequate defence. The responsibility of the media is not defined by the extent to which it helps the police find witnesses but by the integrity with which it attempts to establish and publish the truth.

In the general terms of the media's public interest obligations, journalists should inquire into matters which are also the subject of official inquiry and they should be prepared to encounter official hostility when they do so. But nothing can justify the treatment of evidence as it emerged yesterday.

Death on the Rock argued that the coroner's inquest would be inadequate and that a judicial inquiry would be preferable. If journalists challenge a forensic or police procedure, they impose on themselves an obligation to apply some forensic rigour to their own findings.

It would be hard to imagine less rigorous filters than those apparently passed through by Mr Asquez's "statement" *en route* to being broadcast. Mr Asquez's allegations of harassment and offers of money must also be considered.

A television company priding itself on its reputation for authoritative current affairs is accountable to the public in two ways: formally to the Independent Broadcasting Authority and informally to its audience. The story told by Mr Asquez, whose own behaviour was weak and stupid, may not tell the whole story about the circumstances in which his evidence was given. The only way in which that story will be told is if Thames Television mount the severest internal inquiry of its own.

A company sensitive to the concerns of its audience should be prepared to do so before any such action is requested by the IBA. Failing that, the IBA should conduct its own inquiry. In either case, the maximum amount of information should be made public.

Media organisations which fall under suspicion can often be rightly criticized for putting up the shutters under fire. Journalism which advocates further penetrating inquiries by official bodies needs to be ready to apply its own prescription to itself.

The BBC, which not too long ago reacted to the mere hint of criticism with hysterical denial, has gone some way towards demonstrating its own awareness that it is accountable. There is no reason for the independent television companies to lag behind.

LETTERS OF ART

The publication in *The Times* this week of the early letters of T. S. Eliot is a lesson in just how difficult it is to bring together the private human being and the public artist. The life is a fascination for being messy, bewildering and unpredictable. The art, in contrast, is hard and clear.

Eliot the man seems on occasions so baffled by life that he becomes an object of pity to his friends and of scorn to his less sympathetic contemporaries. Yet Eliot the writer so rose above the mundane circumstances of his existence that he turned them into the very material of his poetry.

This disparity between the art and the life is often used as a stick with which to beat the artist. Quite recently it has been suggested that Picasso is not a great painter because he was not a great man. There has always been a temptation among those of philistine or puritan temper to expose the deficiencies in an artist's life in order to attack the art itself.

Such an attack can easily be launched upon Eliot (his alleged anti-Semitism being an obvious example) but these early letters, written at the time when he was composing *The Waste Land* and during a period when his literary criticism was about to bring a revolution in academic studies, suggest that the link between the art and the life is far too subtle to admit of such pedestrian interpretations.

Eliot was not necessarily a good man because he wrote good poetry, not necessarily a better man because he wrote religious poetry, not necessarily a wiser man because he wrote philosophical poetry. There were many occasions when he was less humane, less sensitive, less moral than anything he wrote.

This would be a matter for the biographer or critic alone, perhaps, if it were not for its bearing upon the teaching of English literature in our schools and universities. The essential point is that the most powerful lyric gift, the most profound capacity for moral or philosophical discourse, the most serious dramatic expression, can spring from someone who as a human being is necessarily flawed, generally uncertain and often unserious.

No one is ever better for writing good poetry; but, more importantly no one is ever better for reading it. This needs saying all the more firmly at a time when the teaching of literature has become fatally obscured by the various social, political and moral "truths" which are supposed to emerge from it.

As a young student, Eliot detested the formless nature of a conventional literary education. There is no doubt that any teaching which raised the modish standards of "self-expression" or "social significance" at the expense of any understanding of grammar, syntax or construction would have met with his disapproval. What kind of an education is it at the end of which a student can write confidently that *The Waste Land* represented the despair of civilization but cannot explain the subjunctive or recognize a split infinitive?

It is fortuitous that we have published these letters in a significant week for British relations with its continental partners. The young Eliot came to England in search of that elusive cultural entity which he called "Europe". This was not a pious or over-optimistic pursuit. For him, as for many of his contemporaries, there was indeed such a thing as Europe, representing a common culture based upon classical antiquity.

His notion of Europe was one in which literary, religious and philosophical activities were all broadly in accord with one another because they derived from a common source. The idea of a single language was less important than the ideas of order, discipline and authority. Europe for him was not simply a political or social grouping but something larger than both. It was a congregation of ideas and values.

During the years which marked this first volume of letters, he began to see that unity disappear. His political authoritarianism — which is one of his prime appeals to the English conservative tradition — was in part a response to the threat of that disintegration.

The real measure of Eliot's importance is to be found in the manner with which he tried to justify and to reinforce that common culture even as it began to disappear. Perhaps his work represents the shoring of fragments only; and yet he pushed European culture together by an act of will, giving it a shape and context which is still an inspiration.

SPIRITED OLYMPICS

The first week in Seoul has been a success — both for Britain, and for the Olympic spirit. Top-class sport has been played in top-class facilities. The people of Korea can be especially commended for their skills in dealing with 250,000 tourists, 13,000 competitors and officials and more than 10,000 journalists.

Long-term planning has meant that many of the problems encountered at other Games have been avoided. Large sums of money turn out to have been spent by the Korean Government on manpower. Unlike Los Angeles, which committed itself to run the Games at a profit, Seoul is going for a high political profile and the good will for business in the longer-term.

Not everything has been perfect. The crowds have sometimes been disappointingly small. Athletics, the centre-piece, began yesterday in what the experienced American Ed Moses felt able to describe as "chaos". Athletes and spectators suffered from the absence of information, proper facilities and co-ordination.

The Koreans or at least a tiny minority of them, are also squarely to blame for the brawl that broke out at the boxing when the judges' decision went against a home favourite. But none of these incidents can disturb the overall impression of joy at the Games — the joy personified at the opening ceremony by Sohn Kee Chung, 52 years after the Berlin Olympics in which he won the marathon as a Korean forced to compete under the flag of Japan.

The highlights of the sport itself have come from the elegant Soviet gymnast, Elena Shushunova, the awesome Turkish weightlifter, Naim Suleymanolgu, and from the apparently so effortless power of the American sprinter, Carl Lewis. The spirit has never been better caught than in the camaraderie of the modern pentathlon and the equestrian three-day event. Britain's exploits, particularly the gold medals of Adrian Moorhouse in swimming and Malcolm Cooper in shooting, have brought satisfaction and excitement.

Much can happen before the Olympic flame is extinguished. For the moment, Korea can enjoy the thanks and applause of the rest of the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shortcomings in accident service

From Mr I. D. Anderson

Sir, Your reports (September 20 and 23) on the King's Fund review of *The Nation's Health* make no more than a passing mention to deaths from injury. This is disappointing but not surprising: accidental injury is a neglected but common cause of mortality and morbidity. Indeed, accidental injury is the third commonest cause of death, after heart disease and cancer.

Since Professor Alwyn Smith and his colleagues began their report it has become clear that shortcomings in our accident services result in at least 2,000 potentially preventable deaths from injury every year. While avoidable death from any cause is an unacceptable waste of life, those resulting from accidental injury are particularly tragic.

Accidental injury differs from the other leading causes of death in several important respects. First, injury predominantly afflicts the young and each death therefore results in a relatively greater number of lost years of life. Secondly, heart disease and cancer are both chronic conditions which are seldom completely cured, while accidental injury tends to occur in the healthy and active. Successful treatment of an accidental injury frequently returns the individual to complete health.

It is unclear why the British public continue to tolerate the current inadequate practice of treating major injury in the nearest hospital. Similar deficiencies in trauma care existed in the United States and West Germany and were remedied by the treatment of most major injury in specialised hospitals known as trauma centres.

Reorganisation of accident services involved capital outlay but was rewarded by precipitous falls in the number of preventable deaths. In these countries the return to productive employment of young and otherwise healthy members of the populace has more than reimbursed the initial cost of establishing an acceptable system for the treatment of serious injury.

The annual cost of injury from road traffic accidents in the United Kingdom is £4 billion. The establishment of trauma centres would go some way toward reducing this burden on the taxpayer. Professor Smith was correct in stating that the United Kingdom is falling behind in health provision. Accidental injury is undoubtedly one field where worthwhile improvement can be made in preventing unnecessary death and disability.

Yours faithfully,
I. D. ANDERSON,
4 Old Hall Lane,
Worsley, Manchester 28.
September 23.

Glory of the Garden

From the General Director of the Royal Opera House

Sir, It is difficult for the Royal Opera House, while litigation proceeds, to respond to critics (September 22) of the present scheme to provide the facilities we desperately need, but I can state authoritatively that what we build will not only equip the House adequately for the 21st century but also, thanks to an imaginative architect, Jeremy Dixon, markedly enhance the beauty and amenity of the Covent Garden area.

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY ISAACS,
General Director,
Royal Opera House,
Covent Garden, WC2.
September 22.

Noise insulation

From Mr Peter Wotton

Sir, Mr Bryan Montgomery (September 19) suggests that high standards of sound insulation applied to houses near to large airports would allow the abolition of night-flying restrictions.

The greatest demand at airports occurs during the summer-time when most people like to sleep with their windows open. Would Mr Montgomery explain how insulation can help in those circumstances? Maybe by "sophisticated and highly-efficient" insulation he means ear plugs.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WOTTON,
Syroco, 19A Queensway,
Sunbury-on-Thames,
Middlesex.

Television portrait of Henry Moore

From Sir Stephen Spender

Sir, Any of your readers in a position to be interviewed by ICA Television for a biographical programme about a dead artist should be warned of the dangers by the example of *England's Henry Moore* shown yesterday on Channel 4 (review, September 22).

This consisted of fragments selected with prejudice from interviews with Henry Moore's friends and colleagues and interpolated into a tendentious collage of political history in order to illustrate the director's (Anthony Barnett) thesis that Henry Moore abandoned the value of his working-class origins and of his early work as a carver in stone and wood. It was argued that in becoming a sculptor in bronze Moore exploited the monetary value in art, whilst in moving up socially among the rich and famous he betrayed and forsook his Yorkshire origins.

This thesis I find repulsive and demonstrably untrue, nowhere more so than in the implication that Henry Moore's friendship with Kenneth Clark was for reasons of snobbery and attraction to wealth. The friendship was in fact of great affection and esteem on both sides, a sustained meeting of artistic, intelligent minds.

Henry's devoted reminiscences of Clark, of Herbert Read and of his own father were the dominant themes of my last visit to him. He did not move up, or indeed anywhere, socially; he valued friends, and not their wealth or fame. At Perry Green, his lifestyle, his loyalties and his complete dedication to his work remained unaltered over 40 years.

It is not made clear, in my short remark which opens the programme, that Henry was patriotically proud, not of his personal wealth, but of being told that he was England's best individual dollar-earner in a time of national financial crisis.

Contributors to a film like this, organised by the ICA, must be aware that they may be quoted out of context. But I doubt whether many of those interviewed would have agreed to participate in this programme if its thesis (which their contributions are supposed to uphold) had been explained to them; or if they had been told that the programme would contain no example from Henry Moore's own many recorded interviews, quotations from which would have proved his irrefutable defence.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SPENDER,
15 Loudoun Road,
St John's Wood, NW8.
September 22.

From Sir Robert Sainsbury

Sir, As one of the few surviving friends and admirers of the unknown Henry Moore whose work I started to buy in 1933, I must protest at Channel 4's denigration for purely political ends of a great artist. Its message, that Moore was a money-grubbing social climber is monstrously untrue and disgusting.

When, in 1933, I bought Moore's great carving, *Mother and Child*, which can now be seen in the Sainsbury Centre at the University of East Anglia, for £160, this sum was half Moore's income for the year. It was only in the late forties, when Moore was 50-years-old, that he started to sell and although his earnings rose rapidly, his life style never changed. He and his wife Irena, with their daughter Mary, continued to live in the greatest simplicity at Much Hadham. As he grew older, Moore was naturally overcome, at times, by the growing adulation of so many and was, I think, pressurised to produce too many bronzes.

The fact that in the opinion of many, myself included, that Moore's later bronzes showed a very considerable falling off, in no way alters his stature as a carver and it will be in this capacity that he will be judged by posterity and judged, I believe, as one of the two or three greatest sculptors of the century.

The film does not mention that the proceeds of all these later sales enabled him to set up the Moore Foundation. The income of these millions are to be spent to help young struggling artists and the arts in general. It seems somewhat ironic that some of this money should have been spent to diminish the man and his work.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SAINSBURY,
5 Smith Square,
Westminster, SW1.

Gravel workings

From the President of the Sand and Gravel Association Ltd

Sir, The letter of Mr Sandell (September 20), in which he roundly condemns the Department of the Environment's new guidelines for regulating the provision of land for minerals extraction, entirely ignores two essential factors.

The first is that if our country needs houses, factories, hospitals, schools and roads it needs aggregates.

Secondly, if the need is admitted, some attempt has to be made to assess that need and make proper provision for it, and in doing so the demands of individual counties have to be considered. Hertfordshire is a significant user of aggregates and should therefore make some provision to meet at least part of its own needs.

There is no doubt that in the short term gravel workings are a scene of disturbance, but as the members of our association have demonstrated, rapid return to agriculture is possible. Of even greater significance today, however, are the opportunities to create leisure or conservation interests, and of the latter a prime example exists at Amwell, in Mr Sandell's own county.

The industry has played a constructive role in the preparation of the guidelines, but it has not attempted to dominate the process; the consultation procedures include participation of all bodies with a genuine interest and, if anything, other organisations have tended to outnumber those representing the industry.

In short, the Department of the Environment should be congratulated for producing the guidelines rather than taking the unrealistic view of Mr Sandell.

Yours faithfully,
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Hirohito criticism

From Sir Hugh Cortazzi

Sir, Your report (September 23) of the Japanese Ambassador's protest against the offensive articles which appeared in *The Sun* and *The Star* about his Majesty the Emperor of Japan omitted two important points.

The first is that the majority of responsible people in Britain would disassociate themselves from these unchristian and unworthy comments on a dying man. Secondly, the articles are based on a false understanding of the position of the Japanese sovereign. He has never had autocratic power and has had to accept the recommendations of his ministers and advisers.

If he had attempted to protest publicly against the war his views would have been suppressed and he would have been removed from the scene. His decision in 1945 to support the surrender was an act of courage at a time when his advisers were divided.

Yours faithfully,
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Language barrier

From Sir Robert Sanders

Sir, Mr Terry Mughan (Business and Finance, September 17) is right in drawing attention to the need for us to acquire and exploit linguistic skills. But is he justified in referring to "the bad habits of our colonial past?"

All over the Empire, collectors, district commissioners and district officers were fluent speakers of languages like Hindi, Urdu, Hausa, Swahili, Malay, Mandarin, Fijian, Gilbertese and others.

Nor was this a purely superficial knowledge. Many of the first grammars and dictionaries of those languages were compiled by such officers. Nor should the sterling work of British missionaries in this field be overlooked.

So it can be done and it has been done. Here is an aspect of our colonial past which is one for pride, inspiration and emulation.

Yours faithfully,
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Perthshire.
September 19.

Sacked midwife

From the Director for Professional Conduct, UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting

Sir, The Reverend Dr Carpenter's letter (September 21) might lead your readers to believe that there was only one matter that was before the committee and for which Miss Jilly Rosser was removed from our professional register. There were, in fact, four charges that were proved and considered to be misconduct in a professional sense.

These were that the midwife failed to make adequate records of observations and care given; that, following a deterioration in her patient's condition, she failed to call the emergency obstetric unit or a registered medical practitioner; that she failed to carry out such examinations and observations as were necessary to ascertain the cause of the deterioration; and that, when the patient was in a collapsed or semi-collapsed condition the midwife transported the patient and her baby to Whittington Hospital in a private car without additional professional assistance and without resuscitation equipment, thereby placing the patient at risk.

It was the view of the members of this council's professional conduct committee that the case was primarily concerned with the failure in the management of the case from the time that the patient collapsed and that, had there been an adequate response to the deterioration in the patient's condition, the only situation described in the charge to which Dr Carpenter refers would never have arisen.

Dr Carpenter refers to the case being heard by "a tribunal" and states that "it may lead many to question the procedure and remit under which this body discharges its business".

That "tribunal" was this council which has been established by statute to regulate nursing, midwifery and health visiting in the public interest and whose functions are set out in an Act of Parliament. The committee's procedures are those approved for the purpose by the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Advocate and the Lord Chief Justice in Northern Ireland. There is nothing secret about the council's functions. Nor is the council secretive about its professional conduct committee hearings, all of which take place in public.

I can well understand that Dr Carpenter, having been a character witness on behalf of Miss Rosser, is disappointed by the committee's decision. Miss Rosser has been informed that, in common with any other nurse, midwife or health visitor who feels aggrieved by a decision to remove his or her name from the professional register, she has the right of appeal to the High Court.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. PYNE, Director for Professional Conduct, United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting,
23 Portland Place, W1.
September 22.

In yesterday's leading article on Lebanon Mr Suleiman Franjieh, a Maronite Christian, was wrongly described as a Muslim.

Until the postal backlog is cleared letters to the Editor may be sent to a temporary fax number, (01) 782 5864.

Legal obstacles along the path

From Mr Brian Rich

Sir, Both your editorial, "Forgive them their trespasses", and Alan Franks's "Outdoor Leisure" article on the closure, obstruction and diversion of public rights of way (September 17) approached the issue only from the point of view of a "leisure facility".

Rights of way are part of our heritage; they do not appear in the landscape by accident. All have some reason for their existence. At the least a path can have a local purpose and be a route for villagers to get to work. At the most it can be along a prehistoric route or Roman road. The loss or diversion of a right of way can therefore mean the disappearance of part of our heritage.

Two years ago, walking in Gloucestershire, I found that a right of way one mile to the northwest of Coln St Aldwyns was lost in fields which had been totally planted with cereal crops. It was only possible to regain the original route by walking round the edges of the fields. This right of way is part of the Anglo-Saxon Salt Way from Droitwich to Lechlade, where salt would be loaded on boats and taken to London along the Thames.

Such a diversion confuses the local feeling for a right of way as part of an historic heritage and eventually destroys it.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN RICH,
11 Adams Grove,
Leek, Staffordshire.
September 19.

From Mr. C. L. Loyd

Sir, Your recent leading article suggests there is now less accessible countryside. I believe there is more and that many landowners and farmers are trying to assist this progress.

It is, however, wrong to rely on existing footpaths as a means of providing access to the countryside. Originally footpaths were laid out to link parishes and satisfy local needs. Today many of those using footpaths come in cars and these people need car parks with a different arrangement of footpaths.

Associations of ramblers are, you report, rallying to protest; but instead of demonstrations of resentment landowners and farmers should be encouraged to provide car parks and new footpaths. Some of the existing footpaths could then be surrendered.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. LOYD,
Lockinge,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
September 18.

From Mrs Una Carter

Sir, If the area of accessible countryside is allowed to shrink still further we will all be the poorer, as you say; but I suspect that the ancient footpaths were not put there for ramblers, but by, and for, labourers to walk to work.

I live alone, in the country, and am unable to drive. What I wish is that I could walk safely from my village to the next along the road; that is to say, that there could be far more miles of pavement alongside our country roads. This would satisfy the need for which the ancient footpaths must first have come into being.

Yours faithfully,
UNA CARTER,
Edington,
Westbury, Wiltshire.
September 17.

Pollution from above

From Mrs Hilary Beck-Burridge

Sir, Much has been written about the noxious effect of automotive exhaust gases on forests and under pressure the industry is putting their house in order — e.g., by fitting catalytic converters; but far too little has been said about aviation exhaust.

An enormous amount of fuel is burned daily along the main aviation corridors, many of which pass over the Alpine regions of Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy where there is great damage. Recent surveys show that 50-55 per cent of trees in Switzerland are damaged, the majority in mountain areas where there are few roads. Acid rain no doubt accounts for some of this damage.

To my knowledge, no Government is pressing the aviation industry to clean up their emissions, self-interest possibly holding them back because the majority of European airlines are state-owned. Perhaps this letter will encourage the airlines and aircraft manufacturers to break the deafening silence on this matter.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY BECK-BURRIDGE,
Arlanza Cottage,
Crocker End,
Nettlebed, Oxfordshire.
September 14.

Passing rich

From Mr Nicholas S. Hughes

Sir, Wealth and covetousness (Mr Bernard Levin's article, September 15, Dr Weinkove's letter, September 20) were put in perspective in Waterford recently. The proprietor of a betting shop, on his way to a wedding, resplendent in top hat and tails, popped into his establishment to check on the takings. As he left in his Rolls-Royce one skint gambler remarked to his companion, "Isn't he a credit to us".

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HUGHES,
Tiburon, Tivoli,
Cork, Republic of Ireland.
September 20.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 23: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Committee, this afternoon visited ScotRail at Aberdeen Station and afterwards attended a dinner at Treetops Hotel, Aberdeen.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Mr R. Robertson, Lord Provost).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 23: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon opened the new offices of The Agricultural Engineers Association at Samuelson House, Orton Centre, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 23: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today left RAF Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Berlin.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at Northolt by His Excellency The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Baron Rüdiger von Wechmar.

This evening, His Royal Highness, accompanied by The Duchess, took The Salute at the British Military Tattoo at the Deutschlandhalle, Berlin.

Captain Charles Page and Mrs Alan Henderson are in attendance.

Marriages

Mr T.C. Rose
and Mrs G.J. Clements

The marriage took place in London on September 15, between Mr Timothy Clive Rose, elder son of Sir Clive and Lady Rose, and Mrs Geraldine Clements, second daughter of Mr Michael Clarke and the late Mrs Clarke.

Mr P.M.E. Springman
and Miss A. Macpherson of Cluny

The marriage took place in London yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, between Mr Michael Springman and Miss Anne Macpherson of Cluny.

Italian Chamber of Commerce

The tenth Banking Conference organized by the Italian Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at the Café Royal, Regent Street on the Theme "Target 1992". Cavaliere del Lavoro Massimo Coen presided. The guest of honour was Lord Young of Graffham, chairman Sir Michael Butler, and the speakers were Sir George Blunden, Professor Roland Smith, Grand'Uff Lamberto Dini and Dr Giuliano Graziosi. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Elizabeth Flack, and the Italian Ambassador, Grand'Uff Boris Biancheri, were present. Among the guests were:

Lord Bridges, Lord Ezra, Lord Forte, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Wigoder, QC, the Cavalieri del Lavoro Rinaldo Piaggio and Lucio Rondelli, the Onorevole Piero Bassetti, Mr Rodney Galpin, Sir John Read, Sir Patrick Meaney, Sir Martin Jacomb, Mr Brian Quinn, Mr John Craig, Sir Eric Sharp, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Donald Arculus and the Italian bankers alphabetically, Arcari, Bartolini, Bazoli, Benvenuti, Ceccatelli, Cantini, Dalla Chiesa, Da Massa Carrara, Di Vagno, Emanuele, Franco, Laratta, Lensi, Lombardi, Marengo, Mercusa, Paci, Pardi, Rastelli, Rinaldi, Tartaglia and Zandano: the Minister Plenipotentiary Muzi-Falconi, The Economic Counsellor Augelli and the representative of the Bank of Italy, Marini.

Northwood College

Term began on September 8. Victoria Teff is head girl. Baroness Ewart-Biggs will distribute prizes on Speech Day, September 29. Open Day is on October 15; Carol Service is on December 14.

Clifford Longley

The true art of teaching religion

Religion continues to enjoy a unique status in British society, as is apparent from the boiling indignation on every page of *The Freethinker*, the journal of the National Secular Society. In particular, it has a guaranteed place on national radio and television, and a guaranteed place in the school *curriculum. Two more powerful avenues of influence would be difficult to* imagine.

Its place in education has if anything been strengthened as a result of amendments to the 1988 Education Reform Act. And a threat to its special place on early Sunday evening television was beaten off last week by the Central Religious Advisory Committee of the BBC and IBA.

Yet it remains a paradox that the privileged access of Christianity in Britain to two such vital means of information and education has had so little apparent impact. Each generation is more secular than the last, each year's school leavers more dismissive of religion than the previous year's, and each opinion poll still records Christianity's "melancholy long withdrawing roar".

Those who defended religious education in the debates in the House of Lords this summer, and those who defend the privileged position of religious broadcasting, both sometimes give the impression that their efforts are vital to the very survival of religion in Britain.

Yet in the United States, where religious television is almost universally appalling and religious education *in state schools* banned by law, the *levels of religious* belief and practice are far higher than in Britain. A lot of religious education in Britain is good, and a lot of religious broadcasting excellent, so this comparison is no indictment of the dedicated work of those engaged in them. But it does leave some awkward questions unanswered.

In both fields the prevailing professional assumption is that any form of "indoctrination" is wrong; no matter how personally committed the broadcasters and teachers might themselves be, they would regard it as an abuse to use their position to make converts. It is not their job to convince school children or television viewers that Christianity is true, they say. Their brief is limited to description and explanation.

They may be quite right to think so, and it may also be the case that any attempt by them to make converts would fail anyway. But to filter out from Christianity that essential element that demands a personal reponse is to change its nature: rather than an invitation to every individual to which the only possible answers are yes or no, it becomes an objective anthropological phenomenon to be discussed and analysed. It is about other people: it is never about oneself, never presented as if it should be.

It is religion as an anthropological phenomenon which is taught in schools and broadcast on television - an interesting one, no doubt, but with its central point missing. The problem is more acute in schools, where the natural question children must ask - what use is this to me? - is professionally off-limits for the teachers to answer. The standard statement is that Britain has a Christian tradition, and so any understanding of its culture requires some knowledge of it. But it is a thin reply, even if it is the only one possible in the circumstances.

The unstated theory behind this approach is that even with the direct and immediate call to commitment and conversion which is at the heart of Christianity extracted, what is left is sufficient of an approximation to justify all the effort of teaching and broadcasting it, and still calling it "religion".

The dimension of personal involvement can be included later, if required, as a matter of personal choice: a sort of optional spiritual DIY add-on. And committed teachers and broadcasters may fervently wish that individuals will take that further step, and may even hope that they have prepared the way. But it is a hope that is contradicted by the evidence. In schools, far more are turned off than turned on. Television is another and more complicated matter, where the distancing is aggravated by the sterilizing artificiality of the medium itself: it can be turned off.

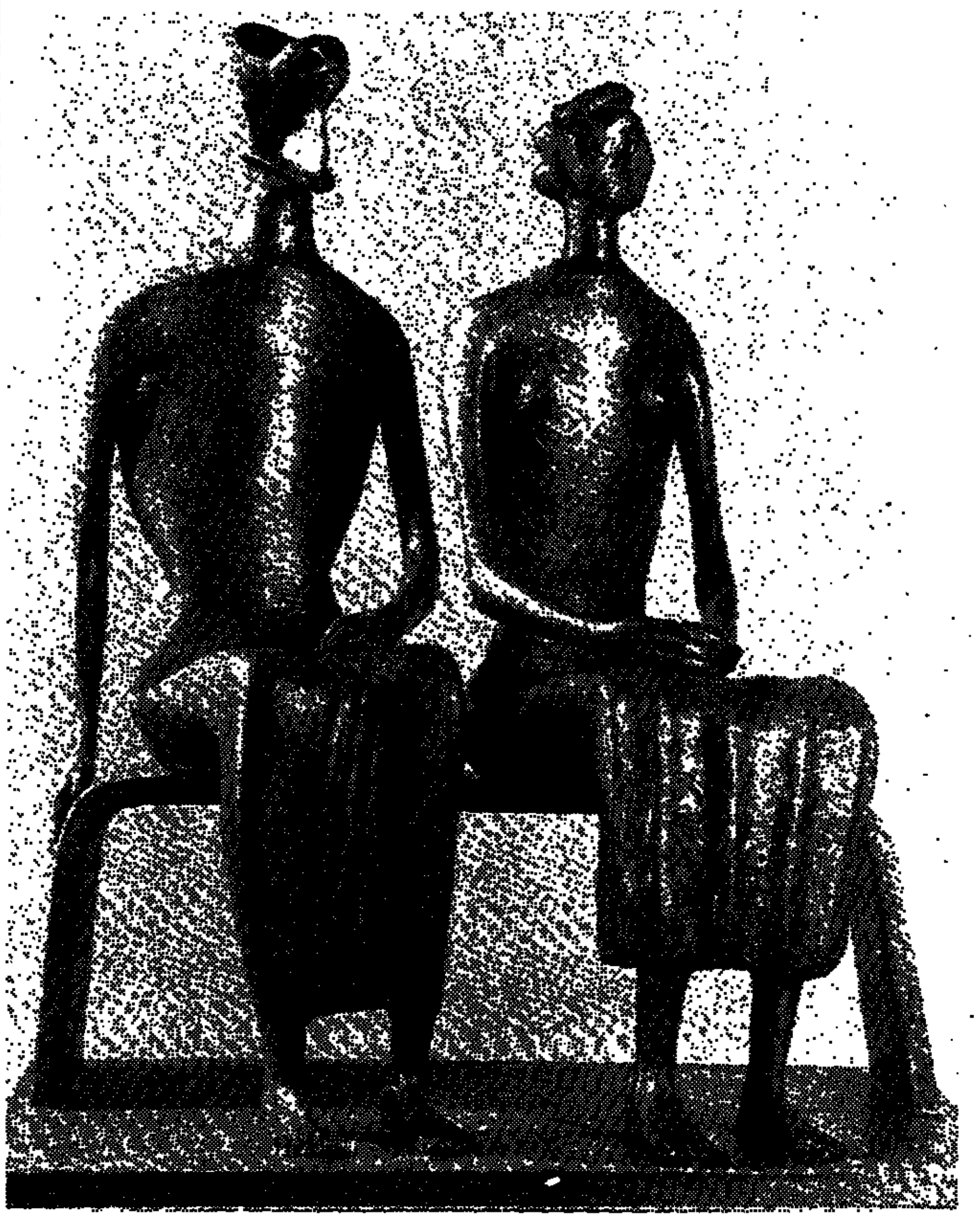
Only personal involvement can really make much sense of religion. From the outside, it is bound to seem absurd: and there really is no neutral ground to view it from. To be neutral is to refuse to respond: to refuse to respond is to deny that it is true. Without involvement, what remains is not an approximation that can be made good later, but a quite false version, something else altogether.

It is entirely possible that too much clinical familiarity with that something else altogether, masquerading as an approximation, can have a severely repellant effect. It is the difference between a corpse and a living person: no-one studying the former would claim to know the latter, nor regard the one as an approximation to the other.

Teachers and broadcasters come closest to success in this field when they are trying for it least, operating not in the name of religion at all but in the name of art, literature, poetry, music and drama. It is permissible then to do what religious teachers and broadcasters may not allow themselves to do, to reach out for that deep personal response which all true artists regard as the mark of their success.

It is through such arts, too, that something of the nature of religious faith can sometimes be captured and conveyed: but it is a rare skill, not one to be commanded by advisory committees or Acts of Parliament. They can preserve and try to improve education and broadcasting which is "about" religion. The danger comes when that is confused with the real thing, as it usually is.

Sculptures from the Henry Moore exhibition



KING AND QUEEN 1952-53: One of the items from the exhibition, Henry Moore, sponsored by Solomon Brothers and the Henry Moore Foundation, at the Royal Academy until December 11. The work, measuring 64½ ins (164 cms) is the property of the Trustees of the Tate Gallery.

Moore's starting point for this sculpture was the 18th century BC Egyptian seated couple which he had included in his book *on the British Museum.* At the outset, Moore said, he had no intention of entitling the sculpture "King and Queen"; as it grew it began to associate itself in his mind, with regal qualities.

The non-realistic heads (the skull has become a mere helmet *in the king's* case) contrast vividly with the naturalness of the anatomy, especially of the feet and hands.

The dignity of the piece is reinforced by the separateness of the two figures; the only linking features are the bench they sit on and the direction of their gaze.

And here the exhibition visitor is at a distinct disadvantage: for the sculpture has been plucked from its rocky eyrie near Dumfries to be cosseted in the Royal Academy conservatory atmosphere.

The couple normally occupy a ledge of granite ringed by rough pasture *on the Glenkiln Farm* estate, contemplating the lake below.

HENRY MOORE

The Times/Royal Academy Offer

All *Times* readers are invited to attend the Henry Moore Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, for £2, *on presentation of this coupon at* the R.A. ticket desk. (Normal entry price: £3.50).

This coupon also entitles you to automatic entry in a special *Times*/Royal Academy draw for a Moore lithograph of the Nativity (1981). This is one of a limited edition of 50. Details of the draw can be obtained at the ticket desk

** This offer is valid Monday* to Saturday *until December 11*

Birthdays today

TODAY: Miss Svetlana Beriozova, ballerina, 56; Sir Mervyn Brown, diplomat, 65; Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Coutts and Company, 73; Mr Brian Glanville, author, 57; Professor Richard Hoggart, former warden, Goldsmiths' College, 70; Sir John Kerr, former Governor-General of Australia, 74; Sir Robin Kinahan, Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast, 72; Sir David Lane, former MP, 66; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 72; Professor G.P. McNicol, vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 59; Professor Bernard Nevill, designer, 54; Mr Anthony Newley, actor and singer, 57; Mr Andrzej Panufnik, composer and conductor, 74; Miss Catherine Pestell, principal-designate, Somerville College, Oxford, 55; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, mechanical engineer, 84; Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Smeeton, 76; Mr Justice Warner, 64.

TOMORROW: Professor Struther Arnott, vice-chancellor, University of St Andrews, 54; Mr N.W. Ayrton, theatre and opera director, 64; Mr Ronnie Barker, comedian, 59; Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, 49; Sir Peter Crossman, brewer, 80; Sir Colin Davis, conductor, 61; Mr Michael Douglas, actor, 44; Sir John Farr, MP, 66; Mr John Hills, racehorse trainer, 28; Sir David Hunt, diplomat, 75; Miss Felicity Kendal, actress, 42; Mr J. MacG. K. Kendall-Carpenter, headmaster, Wellington School, 63; Sir Robert Muldoon, CH, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 67; Mr Timothy Severin, author and explorer, 48; Miss Vivien Stern, director, NACRO, 47; Commandant Daphne Swallow, former director, WRNS, 56.

Service dinners

Royal Naval College Greenwich
Lord Butler-Sloss was the principal guest of honour at a ladies' guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Commander D.R.S. Lewis, Commander of the College, presided. Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, Admiral President, and Lady Fitch attended.

HMS Dryad
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Officers of the Navigating and Direction branch of the Royal Navy held last night in HMS Dryad. Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Reffell presided. Among others present were:

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Vice-Admirals Sir David Clutterbuck, Sir James Jungius and Sir Robert Gerken; Rear-Admirals Sir Hugh Janion, J R Hill, J Garnier, B N Wilson and A Grose; and the Captains of HMS Dryad and HMS Mercury.

The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)
Major-General L.A.H. Napier presided at the annual dinner of The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot) Dining Club held last night at the School of Infantry, Warminster. Brigadier G.C. Barnett, Commandant of the School, was the guestca 26pars of honour.

The Royal Hampshire Regiment
The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire attended a dinner given by Officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment at Regimental Headquarters, Winchester, last night. Brigadier R.G. Long, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Royal Air Force Oxford and Cambridge Society
Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris presided at the annual dinner of the RAF Oxford and Cambridge Society held last night at Downing College, Cambridge.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr I.A. Bargh
and Miss B. McCormack
The engagement is announced between Ian Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.J. Bargh, of Lancaster, and Barbara, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs P. McCormack, of Nunthorpe, Cleveland.

Mr T.J. Halstead
and Miss S.J. Phoenix
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Halstead, of Birkenshaw, West Yorkshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mrs C.M. Galliford, of Bolton, Lancashire, and the late Mr G.L. Phoenix.

Mr P.S. Lund
and Miss M. Harper-Bourne
The engagement is announced between Paul Lund and Melanie Harper-Bourne, both of Pulborough, West Sussex.

Mr J.J. Leadley
and Miss R.E. Nettleship
The engagement is announced between John Jeffrey, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.M. Leadley, of Cropwell Butler, Nottinghamshire, and Rachel Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr J. and Dr J. Nettleship, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire.

Mr J.S.R. Nettleship
and Miss L.C. Pratley
The engagement is announced between John Stuart Richard, only son of Mr J. and Dr J. Nettleship, of Clay Cross, Derbyshire, and Louise Catherine, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Pratley, of Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.P. Stedman
and Miss E.A. Staples
The engagement is announced between John Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Stedman, of Tunbridge Wells, and Elizabeth Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Staples, of Maidstone, Kent.

Bloxham School

Today is Prize Day. The guest of honour is Mr John Gummer, Minister for Local Government and a Fellow of the Southern Division of the Woodard Corporation. In his report, the Headmaster, Mr M.W. Vallance, will be discussing plans for further development of the school; there is no intention to respond to present prosperity by an increase in size but rather by further enhancement of the quality of education that the school provides.

Mr Yehuda Avner meeting the Prime Minister recently.

Israeli envoy to head the Clore Foundation

By Our Foreign Staff

The retiring Israeli ambassador, Mr Yehuda Avner, is to become director-general of the Clore Foundation in Israel when he returns later this year.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher presented Mr Avner with a plaque from the Conservative Friends of Israel last week in recognition of his contribution to Israeli-British relations since he was appointed ambassador in 1983, a time he recalls as a difficult period in the relationship.

"It was the most gratifying thing any ambassador could enjoy", Mr Avner said of the plaque. He is looking forward to his new role with the foundation, which was set up by Sir Charles Clore some 20 years ago.

"I am very excited about the project. It is one of the most creative areas that one can enter into. The whole nature of the foundation and its purpose gives you an opportunity to do things for Israel."

The foundation's projects include improving a 500-bed hospital, developing the new City of Jerusalem Museum and a $750,000 community centre for the Arabs of the Old City.

"It is very exciting to have someone there in Israel all the time", said Mrs Vivian Duffield, daughter of Sir Charles and the driving force behind the foundation. "I have been able to get out four or five times a year but it is much better to have someone on the spot."

Mr Avner, one of Israel's most distinguished diplomats and an adviser to the past three Israeli prime ministers, has previously served in Washington. He hopes to continue his close association with the Government after his return.

The foundation, however, will not be taking up all his time. He has two books in the pipeline, one with the working title *An Anatomy of the Jewish People* and a second detailing his experiences at the heart of Israeli policymaking from the Yom Kippur War to the Camp David peace talks.

OBITUARY

AIR VICE-MARSHAL C. V. WINN

Pioneer in wartime night-fighting

Air Vice-Marshal C. V. Winn, CBE, DSO, DFC, who died on September 20, at the age of 70, was among that small band of pilots who saw wartime nightfighting develop from an infancy beset with seemingly insuperable problems, to a maturity in which intruding Mosquitoes and Beaufighters were regularly stalking and killing enemy bombers in the night skies of Europe.

Born on April 20, 1918, Charles Vivian Winn was educated at Wycliff College, and joined joined the RAF before the war.

When the Battle of Britain began in earnest he was serving with No 29 squadron, whose Blenheim light bombers had to try to operate as nightfighters, as the precious Spitfires and Hurricanes were required to stem the Luftwaffe's day offensive.

It was a thankless task. Slow of speed, poorly gunned and lacking an accurate interception radar, the Blenheims could only flounder about in the dark, perhaps cheering up the odd attentive observer on the ground with the thought that at least "our boys" were up there having a go at the enemy.

Among the many ingenious ideas the Air Ministry flirted with, in an attempt to improve the night air defence situation, was the "Turbinlite", an airborne searchlight. By now a skilled night pilot, Winn was selected to take part in the experiments with this device, in 1941, flying in a Havoc aircraft whose aim was to illuminate an enemy bomber for an accompanying fighter.

In the event, the prevalence of thick weather over the British Isles militated against the effectiveness of the device, and after ten flights had been fitted with it, the project was discarded.

In 1943 Winn joined 141 Squadron of Beaufighters, which was equipped with a new high-definition "serrate" radar, and enjoyed considerable success in protecting Bomber Command's raids from the attentions of German night fighters.

Winn had a spell on the staff of 100 Group Bomber Command himself, but later returned to take command of 141, now equipped with Mosquitoes.

By this time the situation in the air was unrecognizable from the nocturnal fumblings of 1940, with the RAF at last enjoying technical and material superiority over its opponents. Winn commanded the squadron (now itself attached to 100 group) on a range of missions, from beating off enemy fighters from the bomber streams, to attacking enemy airfields, with conspicuous success.

After the war he had various station commands. In 1953 while in charge of RAF Felixstowe he received the Queen's Commendation for Bravery for his part in rescue work during the great floods which inundated East Anglia.

Subsequent appointments included Chief of Plans at SHAPE, and his final appointment was as AOC Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In retirement from the RAF he was Chief Recreation Officer, Anglian Water Authority, and Chairman of the ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.

He leaves his widow, Suzanne, a son and a daughter.

MR HARRY SIMPSON

Mr Harry Simpson, CBE, who died on September 18 at the age of 71, was formerly controller of housing to the Greater London Council and was the first director general of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Henry George Simpson was born and educated in Enfield, Middlesex. He served with the Royal Fusiliers throughout the North African and Italian Campaigns of the Second World War, and was mentioned in despatches.

After the war Simpson began his career in housing at Enfield and, after a period in Hackney, became director of housing at Lambeth in 1962. During 10 years at Lambeth under both political administrations he pioneered the first housing advice centre in Brixton, and was instrumental in bringing ethnic minority groups into discussions about housing.

His work in Lambeth received recognition in 1968 with the award of the OBE.

In 1972 Simpson took up appointment as first director general of the newly formed Northern Ireland Housing Executive, with the task of establishing a new, fair and responsive regional housing organisation to assume the responsibilities of the 65 former housing authorities.

From 1974 until his retirement in 1982, Simpson was controller of housing and technical services to the GLC, where his warm personality and tremendous capacity for work were appreciated by each political administration.

He served on numerous advisory bodies, including the Finer Committee on One Parent Families; the Porter Committee on Rent Restrictions in Northern Ireland; and the Secretary of State's advisory committee on housing finance. In 1980 he was promoted to CBE.

After retirement Simpson maintained his interest in housing, becoming an adviser to the urban housing renewal unit at the Department of the Environment. He also helped create that department's housing services advisory group, and was the mainspring behind The National Housing Forum, which he chaired, in an attempt to encourage all the bodies involved in housing to find common ground.

In 1987 he became chairman of the Hanover Housing Association, and a consultant to the Guinness Trust. He had recently been appointed to the board of the London Docklands Development Corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and a son, John.

MR IAN HORSEY

Mr Ian Horsey, who died, at the age of 36, in a road accident on August 27 while on holiday in France with his wife and two children, was an archaeologist whose professional expertise was widely respected.

Ian Philip Horsey had been archaeological officer for the Poole Museums Service since 1976.

He had during that time prepared for publication the site records of a large number of urban excavations executed by his predecessor and numerous amateur archaeologists: the work was at an advanced stage at the time of his death.

In conjunction with this major work, his role was to manage and organize the Poole Archaeological Unit on a professional basis and to ensure its response to survey and rescue excavation projects.

Under Horsey's direction, several major rescue excavations were carried out including, in advance of the Wimborne bypass, the site of a 30-acre legionary fortress and, more recently, the Poole Foundry excavations which revealed boatyard timbers dated about 1500.

Another important current project was the Studland Bay wreck, for which Horsey demonstrated his dedication and commitment by teaching himself to swim and become a qualified diver.

Horsey's extra-mural work brought his knowledge and experience to a wider field of archaeological activity. He spent three years as honorary secretary and was vice chairman at the time of his death of the Dorset Archaeological Committee, which monitors and coordinates the archaeology of the county and advises voluntary organizations.

He also spent three years as secretary of the Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers, which involved him in archaeological matters at a national level. As a direct result of his work a manual of health and safety procedures in field archaeology was published.

LIN JALDATI

Lin Jaldati, a Dutch-born singer and authority on Yiddish folk songs, has died, aged 75, in East Berlin.

She made a special study of Jewish folk music and was an outstanding recitalist of Yiddish songs.

Born in Amsterdam into a Jewish family, she went into hiding when the Nazis came in 1940 and joined a Communist resistance group.

She was arrested in 1944 and sent to Auschwitz, where her parents and brother met their deaths. She was transferred to Belsen, where she was liberated by the British.

She was in a wretched physical state that ended her hopes of ever dancing again. Howevever, she recovered her voice and, under the influence of her Communist husband, Eberhard Rebling, who became her accompanist, began a new career as a singer in East Germany.

Mr Claude K. Bell, whose gigantic model dinosaurs brought welcome visual relief to weary travellers in the Southern Californian desert, has died at the age of 91.

Many a motorist, nodding with weariness on that desolate tract of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Los Angeles, has had reason to be grateful to Bell, who planted his attractive sculpted dinosaurs in the god forsaken landscape, making them a landmark, eagerly sought from many miles away, and providing an incentive to stay awake at the wheel.

He spent $300,000 and twenty years creating the monsters, Dinney, the 150-ton brontosaurus and Rex, the 100-ton tyrannosaurus, on sixty acres of desert at Cabazon. At the time of his death plans to add a giant mastodon and a sabre-toothed tiger to this prehistoric menagerie remain, alas, on the drawing board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

O Lord God of hosts, who is strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
Psalm 89:8

BIRTHS

DADDS - On September 23rd, 1988 at Harold Wood Hospital to Sarah (née Trembling) and Martyn, a daughter, Hannah Rose, sister for Rachel Elizabeth.

DICKSON - On September 19th, at St Lukes, Guildford to Gilly (née Richards) and Charles, a son, Alexander Charles Robert.

ELLIOTT - On September 20th, to Emma (Née Oxford) and Michael, a daughter Roxana Kate.

GATZEN - On September 17th at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Georgina (née Nicholl) and Christopher, a son, Thomas.

GRIFFITHS - On September 14th 1988 to Mary (née Abbott) and David a son Jonathan Frederick David.

HARRIS - On September 13th to Penny (née Chester) and Nick, a daughter Georgina Catherine.

LANYON - On September 23rd to Bridget (née Cheyne) and Richard, a son, William Patrick.

MACCABEE - On September 16th, 1988, to Karina (née Arden) and Terence, a daughter, Alexandrina Tallia Natasha Sara, a sister for Annabelle and Anastasia.

MacFARLANE - On September 19th, 1988, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Christine (née Tangney) and Stewart, a son, Andrew John, a brother for Heather.

MONRO - On September 14th, 1988 to Angela (née Hickling) and Hamish, a daughter Georgina, a sister for Douglas.

MORROW - On September 22nd to Bridget (née O'Shanohun) and James, a daughter, Jemima Alice, a sister for Thomas and Sam.

PAGE - On September 20th 1988 to Paula (née Nero) and Christopher, a daughter Francesca Constance.

PATERSON - On September 21st, to Rose and Owen, a son.

POLLARD - On September 21, to Derryn (Née Holmes) and Philip, a daughter, Alice Derryn, a sister for Lucy.

ROWLAND - On September 20th, 1988 at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Anne and Robin, a daughter, Florence Elizabeth.

SEAL - On September 17th, in New York, to Peta (née Gurtler) and John, a daughter, Francesca Lucy Nicole, a sister for Patrick.

WATERHOUSE-MUSE - On September 18th, 1988 in Arizona to Davina and Garry, a daughter Arizona Grace (Zoë).

MARRIAGES

WIGGIN:PETERSON - On Saturday, September 17th, 1988, at Saint Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, between Roger John and Pamela. Reception was held at the Leander Club.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BROOKE:BROMAGE - On September 24th, 1938, Cyril to Anne, at Chelsea Old Church. Formerly of South Croydon, now at 16 Orchard Place, Ledbury.

DEATHS

BIDWELL - On September 23rd at St. Leonards-on-Sea, Laurence Patrick aged 68, last surviving son of Surgeon Admiral and Mrs Bidwell. Requiem mass at St. Thomas of Canterbury R.C. Church, Magdalen Road, St Leonards, on Monday 3rd October at 10am, followed by burial. Flowers and enquiries to A.C. Towner Ltd, Funeral Directors, 2/4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. Tel. (0424) 436386.

CANTLAY - On September 20th, in hospital, Joanne Mary, aged 85 years, of Wymondham, Norfolk, widow of James Edward, a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Wymondham Abbey on Wednesday September 28th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wymondham Abbey.

COLVIN - On September 23rd at home, Dame Mary Colvin in her 81st year. Thanksgiving service at North Luffenham, Rutland on Thursday September 29th at 2:30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses.

DUCKHAM - On September 22nd, 1988 peacefully at Little Park House, Brimpton, Berks. Alec Narraway 'Jim' Duckham, CBE, Professor Emeritus Reading University, husband of Polly (1907-69), father of Sheilagh, Bruce and Kate. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Sonning on Thames, on Wednesday September 28th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd, 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

DUMAS - On September 23rd 1988, peacefully at home in Wimbledon, Suzanne Jeanne Aline Dumas, beloved wife of the late Charles Dumas, dearly loved by her daughters Brigitte, Marianne, Pauline and Felise, their husbands, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, 3.15pm, Wednesday September 28th. All enquiries to Fredk. W. Paine, Tel: 01-946 1974.

EVANS - On September 20th, peacefully in Hospital, in his 93rd year, William Evans M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., Emeritus Physician to the London Hospital and the National Heart Hospital, and husband of the late Christina (née Downie) of Bryndomen, Tregaron, Dyfed. Private cremation at Narberth Crematorium on Monday September 26th at 2.30pm. No flowers by request but donations to the British Heart Foundation may be sent if desired c/o The Vicar, Reverend Edward J. Lewis, The Vicarage, Tregaron, Dyfed.

EVETTS - On September 21st, 1988 peacefully at Tewkesbury Hospital, Edwin Arthur, dear husband of the late Annette Evetts. Funeral service will take place at Cheltenham Crematorium Chapel on Monday, September 26th, at 2.30pm. Donations in lieuof flowers to: The British Homeopathic Association, 27a Devonshire Street, London W1N 1RJ.

GILBERT - On September 21st, 1988, suddenly while out walking, Stuart, much loved husband of the late Lynne and father of Jennifer and Ann, grandfather of Henrietta, Gordon, Clare, Celia, Daniel and Michael. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, London SW15 at 3.00 pm on Monday September 26th. Donations if desired to The Royal National Institute For The Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1.

JARVIS - On September 11th, peacefully in hospital, Nina, aged 93, of Westminster. Fond aunt remembered with great affection. Cremation took place privately on September 19th at West London Crematorium.

KNIGHT - On September 22nd, 1988 peacefully in Scarborough Hospital, Doris Esther (Dorrie) of Dulverton Hall, Scarborough, aged 93 years, widow of Canon L F Knight and loved by all the family. Service at 2pm on Wednesday, September 28th at Saint Martin's On The Hill, Scarborough followed by private cremation. Floral tributes to: T. L Chapman & Son Ltd, 19/21 Auborough Street, Scarborough.

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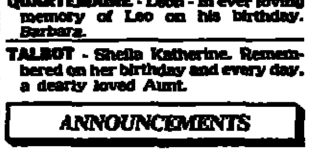

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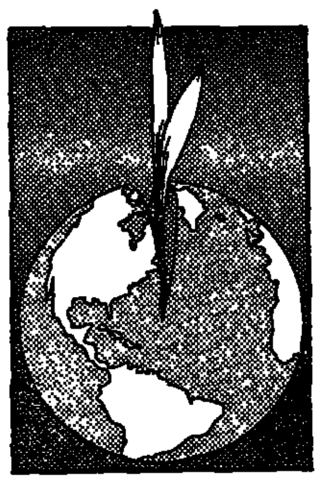

A small advertisement in the daily circular of the United States Department of Commerce seeking seems to point to a remarkable scientific discovery.

The text of the advertisement seeks "industry interested in bacteria isolates from the subsurface".

These cryptic words actually announce the astonishing discovery of communities of bacteria living a thousand feet below the surface of the Earth, where no life was thought possible.

The conventional scientific wisdom is that life extends little deeper than the roots of plants. After all, the argument goes, what could any living creature find to eat deep down in dark rock? But samples taken from four deep bore holes drilled at the US Department of Energy's Savannah River Laboratory show conventional wisdom to be wrong.

More than 3,000 different kinds of bacteria have so far been discovered, some from depths as great as a thousand feet below the surface. And virtually all the bacteria seem to be new to science.

Carl Fliermans, the project's chief scientist, says around 1,500 types of the bacteria have been examined in detail but only three can be classified. Fliermans expects to go on finding new types of bacteria until the drill hits bedrock at 2,000 feet. Elsewhere there may be life at even greater depths.

Fliermans feels excited that his team's research has pushed "the biosphere deeper into the geosphere". But he also finds it curious that space probes were sent to Mars to search for traces of extra-terrestrial life long before a project looked for life within Earth.

Even the project at Savannah River was only possible because some microbiologists seized the chance to join a drilling project aimed at studying the movement of underground water. A project to look for life beneath the Earth would have been too unbelievable to find backers.

With the discovery made, new questions arise. How did the bacteria get there? And what do they live on? The second question may be easier to answer than the first. Even at a thousand feet there are traces of organic matter, some of it ancient. The bacteria cling to sand particles, apparently digesting traces of organic matter carried by moisture moving slowly through the ground. Not surprisingly, the bacteria's rates of metabolism are very low.

Could that same moisture have brought the bacteria from soil at the surface? The deep ground water at Savannah River comes from sources 20 to 40 miles away and moves so slowly that it would take between 40,000 and 70,000 years for the bacteria to be carried to their present location. That would give plenty of time for them to evolve into new species, adapted to life underground and quite distinct from their relatives at the surface.

Fliermans thinks, however, that the bacteria evolved from ancestors living at the surface long ago, and that they were trapped as new sediments were laid down. Over the past seventy million years the area has been a part of the ocean, a beach at the ocean's edge, a muddy bay behind an island, and then dry land. These changes might explain why bacteria at one depth are completely different from bacteria at another.

If Fliermans is correct and the bacteria have been isolated that long, they may prove invaluable for studying the evolution of life. They may also prove valuable in a more practical way.

Bacteria living in such a strange world – dark, at extreme pressure and containing only tiny amounts of nutrient – might be capable of metabolic reactions as yet unknown to industry.

They might produce new kinds of antibiotic or even be able to destroy pollutants in deep ground water. Thus the logic behind advertising the bacteria to industry. Next week a group of companies will meet Fliermans's research team to discuss the possibilities.

Alun Anderson

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Latest wills

Mr Duncan Arthur Newton Allen, of Chelsea, left estate valued at £1,082,134 net.

Lady Dorchester, of Greywell, Basingstoke, Hampshire, widow of 2nd and last Lord Dorchester and daughter of the 6th and last Lord de Blaquiere, left estate valued at £144,732 net.

Madeline Longsdon Collier, of Buxton, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £227,780 net. She left personal legacies totalling £4,500, £2,000 to the Methodist Home for the Aged and the residue equally between the PDSA, Help the Aged, Royal Society for Nature Conservation, Age Concern and the Abbeyfield Society.

Mr David Moule Evans, of Dorking, Surrey, the composer and teacher and former professor of composition, harmony and counterpoint at the Royal College of Music, left estate valued at £391,912 net.

Mr William Leslie James Summerfield, of Bromsgrove, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £154,125 net. After a bequest of £1,000, he left the residue to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Mr Arthur James Henry Ashby, of Loughton, Essex, left estate valued at £1,895,430 net. He left £474,000 variously to personal legatees and the income from the residue for the promotion of charity.

Mr Julian Inver Ball, of Etchingham, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,654,212 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Sidney Julius Adler, of London SW15	£957,032.

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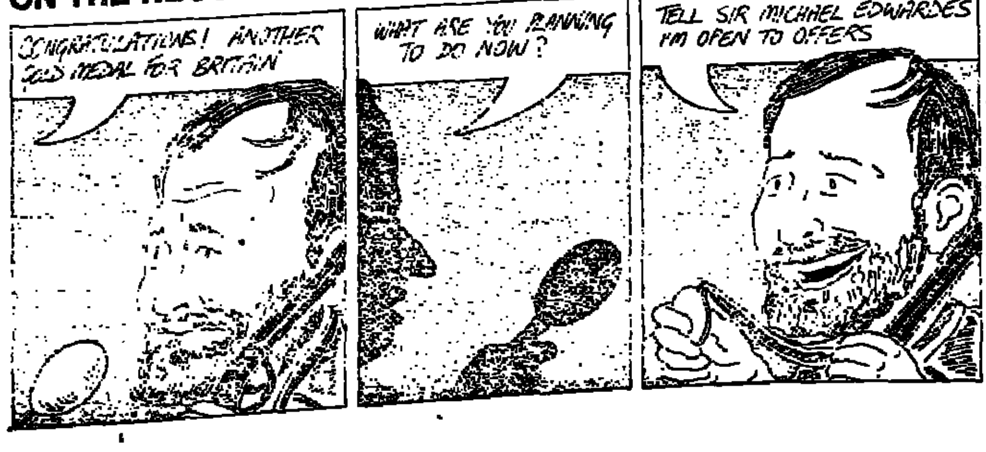
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'Godslot' TV move rejected

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

Proposals to end religious programmes on independent television channels in the early Sunday evening schedules have been firmly rejected by the Central Religious Advisory Committee, an official joint BBC and Independent Broadcasting Authority body. At a meeting under the chairmanship of the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, the committee has considered details of proposed changes put forward by representatives of the ITV independent television companies. These would involve moving the popular religious programme Highway out of its traditional early evening "godslot" to an earlier time, thereby ending the "back to back" arrangement with the BBC's Songs of Praise.

The committee passed a resolution "strongly advising" the IBA itself, at its meeting on September 29, to turn down the proposals from the television companies. In such matters the IBA has in the past followed the committee's recommendations.

The present arrangement, the committee said, was a recognition by the public service channels of the strength of public interest in religion and its importance in people's lives. To end it would be to "misread popular opinion" and would result in a significant fall in the viewing figures for religious programmes in general.

The committee said it wanted to encourage the programme makers to find new and popular forms of religious programming. It welcomed a proposal for a new magazine format religious programme on Sunday mornings, but did not regard that as an adequate substitute for religious television's present place in the early Sunday evening schedules.

Polytechnic news

Wales

The following to be assistant directors of the polytechnic from September 14: Mr Richard Lewis (external affairs); Professor W. O. George (dean of environmental studies); Dr Richard Murray-Shelley (dean of technology studies) and Mrs Bridget Dimond (dean of professorial studies).

Service reception

Royal Air Force Quedgeley

The High Sheriff for Gloucestershire and Mr Douglas French, MP, attended a reception held last night at RAF Quedgeley. Group Captain J.B. Ashall, Station Commander, and Mrs Ashall and Squadron Leader and Mrs C.J. Paisley received the guests.

Church services tomorrow

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 9 MP; 10.30 S Euch & Ordination by the Archbishop, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Jesu the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Canon P Harrison; 4 E, Psalm 23 (Howells), Responses (Moore), All wisdom cometh from the Lord (Moore), Canon R Mayland.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.30 HC, Stanford in B flat, Tantum ergo (Duruflé); 10.30 M, Boyce in A, Rev P Ball; 3.15 E, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Rev R Truss.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8.30, 11.40 HC; 10.30 M, Miss R Rafferty; 3 E, Rev A Harvey; 5.45 Organ Recital; 18.30 Congregational Service, Rev M Seed.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Spatzen Messe (Mozart), O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Ave verum (Mozart), Canon J Cox; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), I beheld, and lo a great multitude (Blow), Rev N Worn.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 SM, Missa Vidi speciosam (Victoria), Plebs angelica (Tippett), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen); 3.30 SV & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Marenzio), Ubi caritas (Duruflé).

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 MP & HC, Lord I trust thee (Handel), God is living, God is here (Bach), The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral M, Almighty God who hast me brought (Ford), Te Deum, Not unto us O Lord (Walmisley), Rev A Boyd; 12 HC.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Farrant, A Litany (Walton).
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), Rev M Stokes.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Collegium Regale (Howells), Fear not, O land (Elgar), The Chaplain; 3.30 E, I was glad (Askew), Brewer in D, The wilderness (Goss).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev P Delaney.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Western Wynde (Shepherd), Most glorious Lord of Lyfe (Lloyd Webber), Rev G Reddington; 6 B & E, Rubbra in A flat, O clap your hands (Gibbons), Rev S Hobbs.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Harvest Service, Rev J Stott; 6.30 Rev D Turner.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8.12 HC; 10 Children's Service, 11 M, Mr D Burgess; 6 E, Preb C Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish C, Rev S Acland.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in C & F (Stanford), Many waters cannot quench love (Ireland), Here, O my Lord (Whitlock), Rev A Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662); 10.30 HC (ASB), Preb J Collins; 6.30 Evening Service, Rev N Gumbel.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC, 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Maria Zellermesse (Haydn), Rev M Sherwin; 5.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in C, Hornpipe, from the Water Music (Handel), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Stanford in G, Gloria (Mozart), Lead me Lord (Wesley), Panis Angelicus (Franck), Ave Maria (Bach, Gounod), Amazing Grace (arr R Langston), Let all the world (Langston), Sortie in B flat (Lefebure-Wely), Canon J Oates.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Mozart in D, Ave Verum (Mozart), Rev C Walkins.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP, Rev P Galloway; 6.30 EP, Rev P Galloway.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8, 11 HC, Rev M Bunker; 6.30 EP, Rev M Parker.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Parish Euch, Rev B Callaghan; 6.30 E Worship, Harvest Festival, Rev T Harkin.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C; 11 S Euch, Rev A Walker; M, Missa Assumpta Est Maria (Palestrina), Almighty and Everlasting God (Gibbons); 6.30 E, The Vicar.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Whitlock in G, O salutaris hostia (Nicholson), Rev M Butchers; 6.30 E, Locus iste (Bruckner), Rev M Butchers.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch & H Baptism, Missa Secunda (Hassler), Blessed be our God and Father (Wesley), Rev T Devonshire-Jones.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC; 11 Choral M & Sermon, Rev A Luff.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 11.30 MP, Rev S Roberts; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev E Chong; 4.30 Choral E; 6.30 HC with laying on of hands for healing, Rev C Hamel Cooke.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Communion Service (Farrant), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Fr J Gilling; 6.15 E & Solemn B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Douce Memoire (Lassus), Factum est Silentium (Dering); 6.30 E, Rev D Head.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15, 11 HC, Rev D Prior; 7 Informal Evening Service, Rev D Prior.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M & HC, Give ear unto my prayer (Arcadelt), Responses (Byrd), Darke in F, O, how glorious (Harwood).
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Gloria in excelsis (Lloyd Webber), This is the voice that soundeth (Stephen Oliver), Factum est silentium (Philippe de Monte), Rev C Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family M; 11 Solemn M, Mass in D (Dvorak), Beati Quorum Via (Stanford), Rev D Tilbyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.30 HC; 11 MP, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams), Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Rev A Pearce; 6.30 E, Smart in B flat, Where Thou reignest (Schubert), Preb J Pearce.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Ave virgo gloriosa (Dering), O Jesu, look (Kirbye), Fr C Colven.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev W Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa in honorem BVM (Collet), Jubilate Deo (Koch).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 M, Missa Brevis (Britten), Nisi dominus (Monteverdi); 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V & B.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 MM, O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Gaudent in Coelis (Victoria), 12.15, 6.30.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev E Waugh; 6.30 Mr A Rogers.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev M Rothwell.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 6.30 Rev R Forster; 2 Rev L Pavey.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Rev R Latham.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev B Telley, 6.30 Rev K Swaine.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Harvest Festival; 6.30 HC, Rev R Turner.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Gordon Highlanders, will attend a service of dedication on the occasion of the laying up of the Old Colours of the 1st Battalion, at Craithie Church, Aberdeenshire, at 6.00.

Princess Margaret will attend the Festival of British Racing Day at Ascot racecourse at 12.30, and will present The Queen's Trophy for The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

Appointments

Mr Scott Baker QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Family Division.

Chief Superintendent Anderson Dunn, of Thames Valley police, to be Assistant Chief Constable

Farriers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Farriers' Company for the ensuring year: Master, Mr W. John Alsford; Upper Warden, Dr W.D. Tavernor.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717; Sir Alan (A P) Herbert, writer and politician, Elstead, Surrey, 1890; F Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist and creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, Adelaide, 1898. Liverpool, 1793; Thomas Morgan, geneticist, Nobel laureate 1933, Lexington, Kentucky, 1866; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, Lindfield, Sussex, 1872; Wiliam Faulkner, novelist, New Albany, Mississippi, 1897; Mark Rothka, painter, Daugavpils, Russia, 1903; Dmitri Shostakovich, Leningrad, 1906.

DEATHS: Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg, 1541; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Copenhagen, 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst, London, 1960.

DEATHS: Samuel Butler, writer, (Hudibras), London, 1680; Johann Strauss, ("Radetzky March"), Vienna, 1849; Erich Maria Remarque, author (All Quiet on the Western Front), Locarno, 1970.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Abraham Werner, geologist, Freiburg, Germany, 1750; Felicia Hemans, poet,

Battle of Stamford Bridge when Harold defeated Tostig and Hardrada of Norway, 1066.

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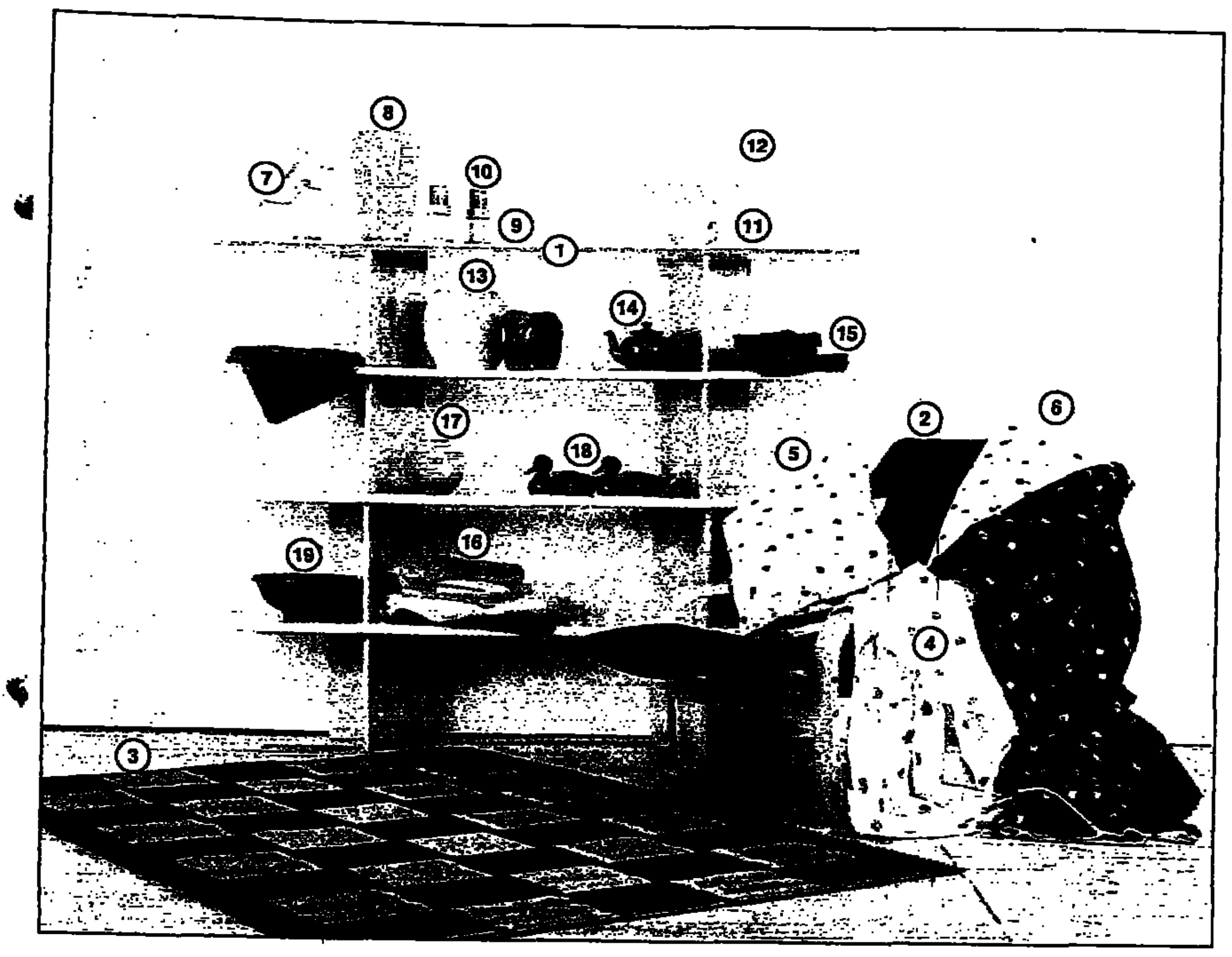

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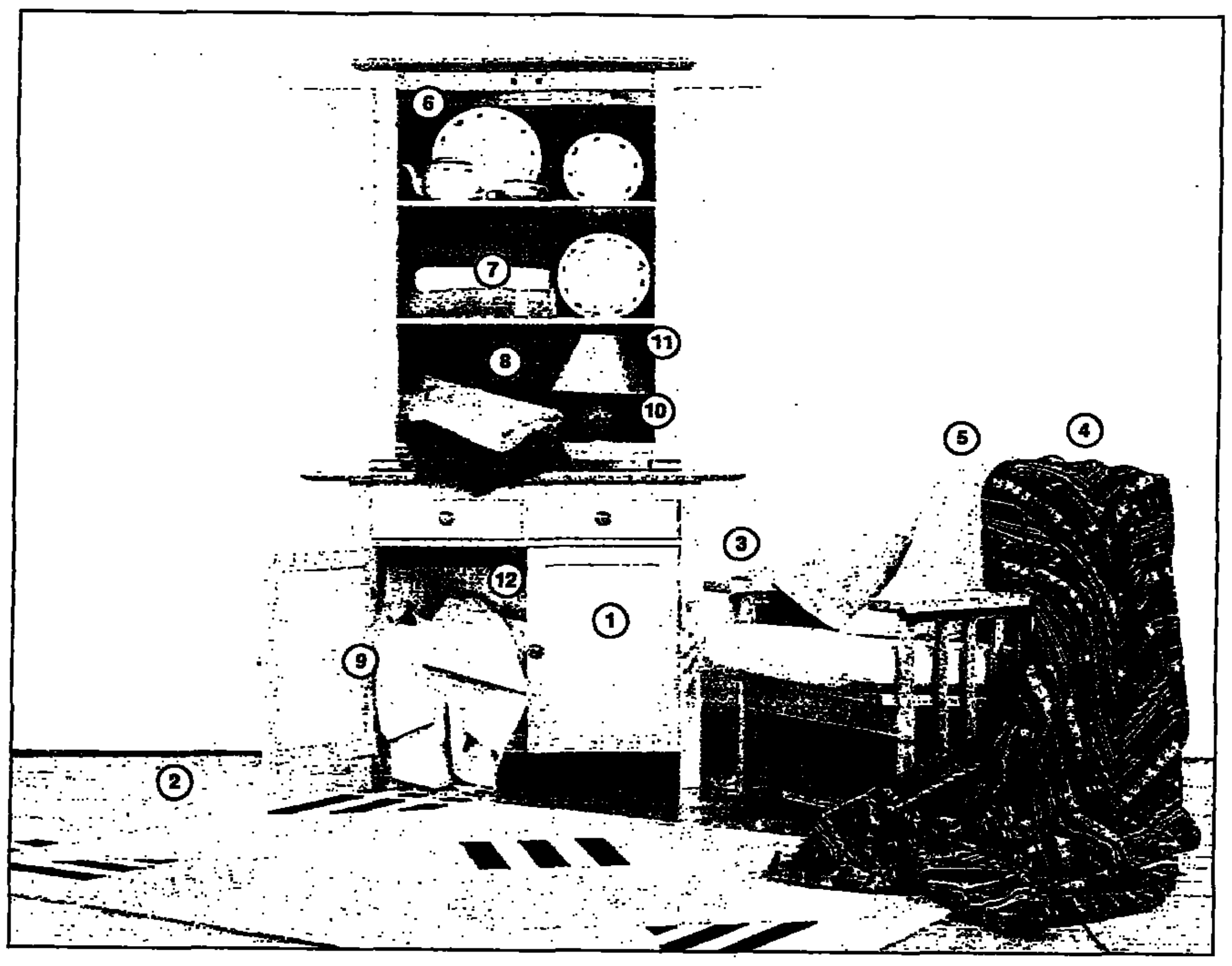


HABITAT: 1 Quaker storage unit in ash, £249 (base unit), £139 (top unit), £199 (glass doors to top unit), 2 Metro Axminster wool rug, £165; 3 Edward chair, £255; 4 Zinder single duvet cover, £21.99 (double duvet cover, £27.99 and £32.99 for large double); 5 Annica Blue set of single duvet cover with one pillowcase, £15.99 (double duvet cover with two pillowcases, £21.99 and £27.99 for large double set). **In unit:** 6 Isis earthenware boxed set of 20 pieces (including pieces shown here) £69.95; 7 Hand towels, from £3.99 each; 8 Bath towels, from £7.99 each; 9 Bath sheets, £12.99 each; 10 Cassata ceramic lampbase, £6.95; 11 Cotton shade, £3.95; 12 Annica Blue housewife pillowcase, £2.99. **Photographs by David Banks**

Terence Conran launched Habitat 24 years ago, and nothing has really happened in British furniture retailing since. Nothing, that is, until the Swedish company IKEA, which next Thursday opens its first London store, set up shop in the relative obscurity of Warrington last year.

Habitat is the most resonant of brand names, identifying with a whole way of life; but it remains a smaller chain than one would expect. It has fewer than 60 shops in Britain.

In its present incarnation it has side-stepped the missionary zeal of Terence Conran's original concept: bringing affordable, well designed, sophisticated products to the masses. Habitat is in the business of selling furniture, not social engineering. Despite opening its newest stores on out-of-town sites, it is perceived as catering to the urban middle classes, perhaps those furnishing their first homes before trading up to Heals or the Conran Shop.

Despite offering a range which exhibits not dissimilar tastes, IKEA is taking a different course from Habitat. With the strength and economic resources of a multinational chain (it has furniture hypermarkets throughout Europe and Asia), IKEA is challenging the rock bottom end of the mass market head on. Despite the occasional crummy reproduction coach lamp, and just a little too much reliance on Scandinavian pine, it does cater for every room of the house with considerable flair.

What is so impressive about IKEA's operation is the sheer scale. The product range covers every conceivable necessity, accessory and luxury for homes and gardens — from the humblest screwdriver to the banks of floor-to-ceiling storage units.

If IKEA works in Britain, and the experience in Warrington suggests that it will, then the country will be in for a taste revolution: Habitat taste not just for the inner city gentrifiers, but for the council estates too.

IKEA's strategy does not rely simply on offering sensible, stylish furniture at remarkable prices (so cheap, in fact, that one suspects that the profit margins of some existing retailers may be a touch too well upholstered); crucial to its success is selling huge volumes of furniture, which can alone justify the scale of production needed to bring prices down.

For this, the company is geared up to the changing pattern of shopping in the Eighties. The High Street is dying, so IKEA is a store for people who would rather not run the risk of getting the car clamped in the town centre. The group prefers huge sites, with vast car parks, on the edge of towns — the store which opens this week in Wembley has space for 1,000 cars.

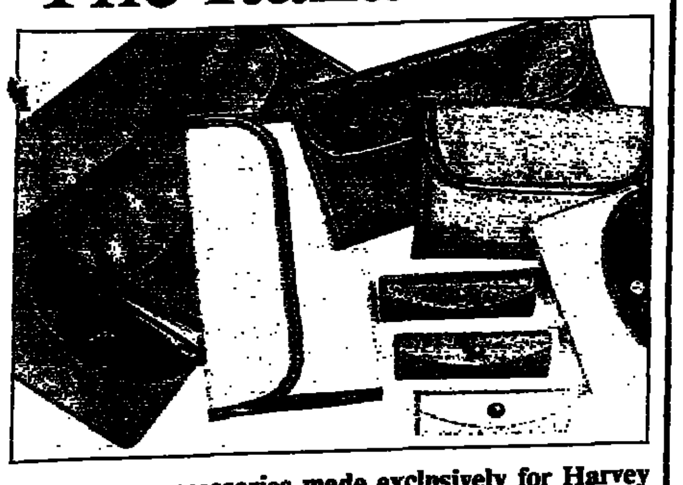
Above all, IKEA caters for young families who spend their Saturday mornings shopping together. It offers fully supervised play areas for children aged from three to seven, video room for older children, a restaurant, bistro, and deli.

Ray Nethercott, chief executive of Habitat (UK), commented: "Where Habitat is in geographical proximity to IKEA there is bound to be competition but, more positively, the opening of IKEA will heighten the awareness of home adornment and benefit home furnishings retailers throughout the country."

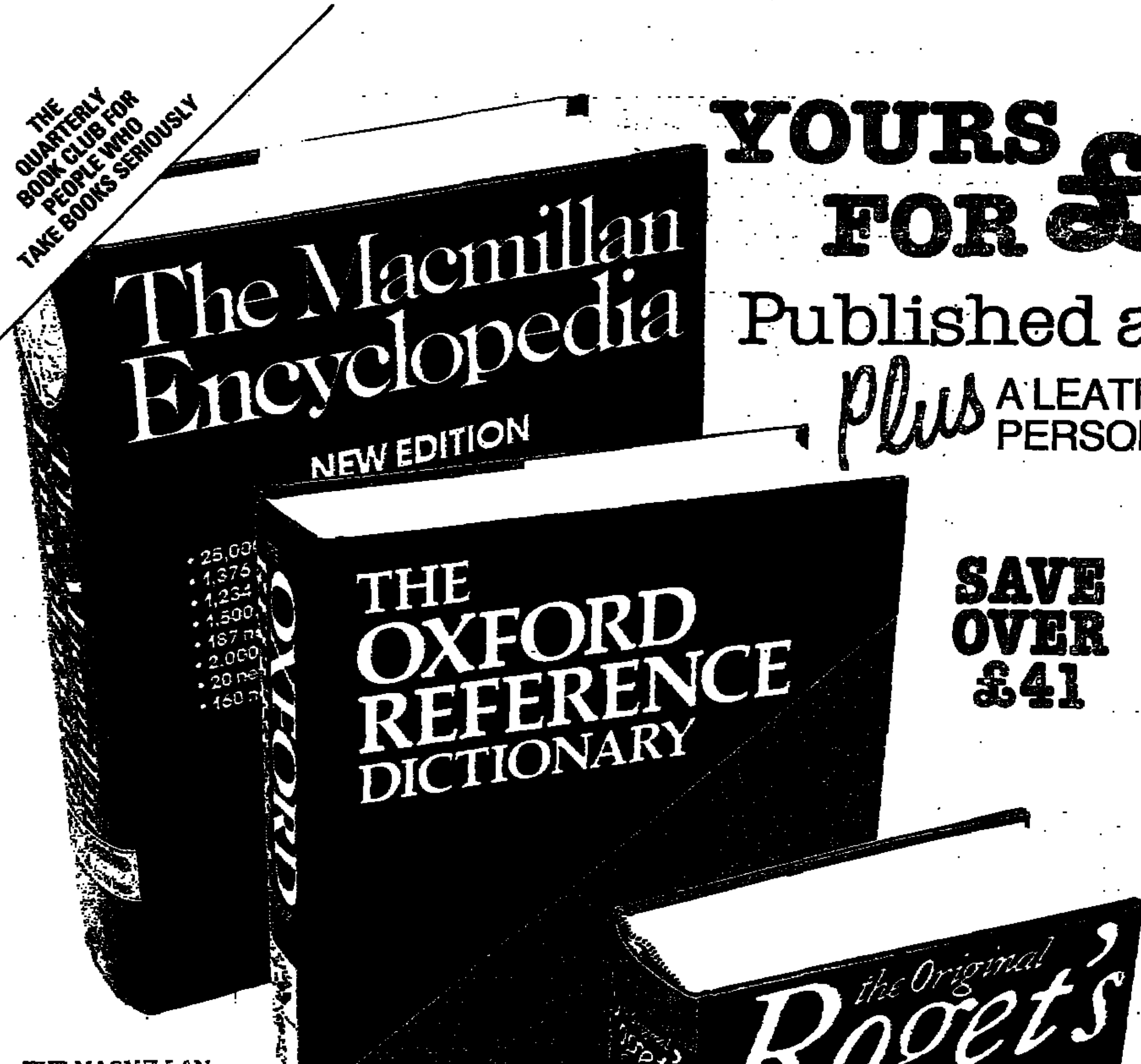
Nicole Swengley

IKEA opens on Thursday at 2 Drury Way, North Circular Road, London NW10 (01-451 5611). On September 29 and 30, the store opens 9am-8pm; on October 1 and 2, from 9am-6pm. Thereafter opening hours are 10am-8pm Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm Sat. IKEA is also at 910 Europa Boulevard, Westbrook, Warrington, Cheshire.

The Italian Jobs



Zappy new accessories made exclusively for Harvey Nichols in Italy include these colourful wallets (£7.95 and £9.95), purses (£6.95) and leather lipstick holders (£5.95). Made from PU (polyurethane), the wallets and purses fasten with velcro — useful when skiing. From October 14 for two weeks the store is also holding an exhibition — the first outside Milan — of original Enny bags of varying ages, shapes and sizes, including a new handbag designed for Harvey Nichols, available in red, black and navy. Cost: £85.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Mercury poison found in seals

By David Nicholson-Lord

High levels of mercury, one of the most poisonous heavy metals, have been found in seals by researchers investigating the viral epidemic which has devastated North Sea common seal populations over the last five months.

Unpublished results obtained by The Times show that seals from the Wash, the stretch of British coastline which has suffered most in the epidemic, had up to 652 parts per million (ppm) of mercury in their liver. Even higher levels have been found in grey seals from the Irish Sea, where two samples sent by Greenpeace, the environmental organization, for analysis have yielded levels of 2,860 and 1,260 ppm of mercury. Dr Paul Johnston, a Greenpeace-sponsored aquatic toxicologist at Queen Mary's College, London, described the findings as "horrendous".

Although there are no legal limits on the content of mercury in food in Britain, the EEC stipulates a ceiling of 0.3 ppm in fish. According to the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, where the tests were conducted, people who die from mercury poisoning have concentrations in the kidney of between 10 and 70 ppm.

There is disagreement on the significance of the findings, however. Experts from the Sea Mammal Research Unit at Cambridge said that research in the 1970s indicated that seals could render mercury biologically inactive by effectively neutralising its harmful methyl content.

Ms Sheila Anderson, deputy head of the unit, said it was possible methyl mercury could affect the animals' immune system, making them less resistant to disease.

Mercury is a neuro-toxin discharged in industrial effluent, which passes up the food chain and accumulates in higher mammals.

Although canine distemper virus has been pinpointed by Dutch researchers as the immediate cause of the epidemic, the findings will fuel the suspicions of scientists who argue that pollution may well be the underlying cause, rendering the seals vulnerable to a virus which they are likely to have encountered before but fought off.

Fire-damaged rig floated free of disaster well

A fire-fighting ship pumping thousands of gallons of water on to the stricken Ocean Odyssey yesterday to damp down the fire on the drilling rig

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forcing it back down to stem the flow. Eventually, he said, the unusual amount forced them to use one of the biggest mud-weights ever activated in the North Sea.

"We didn't take the pressure off. We kept pumping down more mud but it got to the point yesterday when we just couldn't hold it any more."

By then it was clear to the crew that a blow-out was imminent.

"I have never seen anything like it. There was a noise like a jet engine and everything was shaking," he said.

Yesterday, Ocean Odyssey was dowsed with seawater to bring down its temperature after the huge blaze which virtually engulfed the rig. Grampian Fire Brigade officers and the Iolair, a fire fighting craft specially designed for such emergencies, were preparing the rig for boarding.

Two members of Mr Red Adair's American fire fighting team arrived in Aberdeen yesterday after flying in from Los Angeles and Dallas, accompanied by experts from Arco, to assess the extent of the job they face in extinguishing the fire.

In Aberdeen, Mr Campbell Reid, offshore organizer of the Manufacturing and Finance Union, called for a suspension of North Sea drilling operations pending a full scale safety review, but Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, resisted the calls and insisted his department's safety directorate was properly managed.

Mr Reid said he feared that oil companies had lost control of safety.

He said he hoped that the public inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, under Lord Cullen, would now incorporate the Ocean Odyssey incident.

"We hope that inquiry will examine the whole of the North Sea safety operation, in particular the issue of an independent safety inspectorate and workers rights to raise questions on safety issues.

"Those two aspects need action and in the absence of action we continue to face unnecesary exposure to danger to life and limb."

Lloyd's of London, the international insurance market, said yesterday that it was still too soon to say how much the damage to Ocean Odyssey would cost world insurance markets.

New Thatcher attack on EEC red tape

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implement the airport agreement reached with Spain.

Under the deal, Spanish citizens would be allowed direct access to Gibraltar airport and would not have to go through Gibraltar's immigration and Customs control. But so far the colony's Government has refused to pass the necessary legislation.

The Prime Minister said that it was a good agreement for all concerned and showed that the talks between Britain and Spain could produce practical results.

She hoped that it would be implemented, but pointed out that Britain could not insist. She added that persuasion, the most powerful and telling weapon in a democracy, was the only option open to her.

Mrs Thatcher, whose tone was slightly softer towards Europe than at the beginning of her controversial trip, also effectively ruled out British membership of the European Monetary System before the next election.

She said that she wanted to see the rest of the Community following the lead of Britain, West Germany, The Netherlands and Luxembourg by allowing freedom of capital movement and by scrapping exchange controls by 1990.

● **GIBRALTAR:** The Gibraltar Government yesterday welcomed Mrs Thatcher's renewed commitment to respect the wishes of the people of Gibraltar on the question of sovereignty (AFP reports).

An official communiqué also underlined the view expressed by Mrs Thatcher that Madrid should not seek to impose on a people a solution which they do not democratically desire. In a 1967 referendum only 44 Gibraltarians voted for Spanish sovereignty while 12,138 voted to retain the British connection.

Madrid hears corner shop philosophy of No 10

**From Nicholas Wood
Madrid**

Mrs Thatcher launched her own version of a United States of Europe yesterday by opening Spain's first branch of Marks & Spencer.

Her crusade for a market-based solution to the question of continental unity took shape in the centre of Madrid, where the retailer has found house room in the Galerias Preciados department store.

Besides trying on a black Spanish style Angora beret the Prime Minister used the occasion to give a corner shop slant to her political philosophy. Greater friendship between nations was not only about contacts between governments, but about more trade and more contacts between people, she said.

One contact Mrs Thatcher did not expect to make was with Sir Ian MacGregor, the former Coal Board chairman with whom she did not always see eye to eye, particularly during the miners' strike. As a director of the British public company owning the main building he welcomed her.

Witness retracts

Continued from page 1

in Gibraltar and was assisting the Thames Television team.

He said he then received a call from Mr Finch who had discussed the incident with him.

He told the inquest that the substance of both his handwritten statement and the affidavits were untrue and he wanted to retract them.

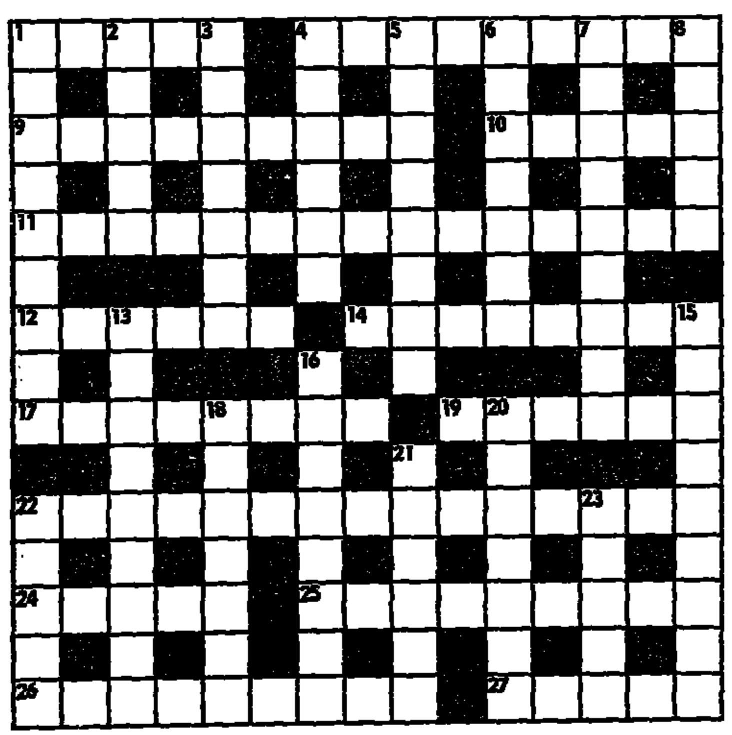
He said that on the day of the shooting he had heard what sounded like fire crackers while he was driving close to the spot where Savage died. But he did not see the terrorist fall.

His first statement had said however: "To my amazement I saw a man lying on the floor bleeding considerably. At that moment a man showing an identity card and wearing a black beret had his foot on the dying man's throat. At that instance, he fired a further three to four shots."

Mr Asquez told the inquest: "I gave the statement to Bob Randall. At that time I was under pressure. He kept phoning me twice a day wanting me to appear on television and give an interview".

Major Randall, who had video film of shootings

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,783



ACROSS

1 Plant very easy to cultivate, having only heads (5).
4 Aschertain what keeps the food hot (4-5).
9 Representative members of the RAF — they keep things going (9).
10 Flora somewhat barbed about first part of play (5).
11 Expectant mothers in court? (6-2-7).
12 Beef and other edible flesh (6).
14 Spill the beans about company cheating (8).
17 Rearguard round fat American woman (8).
19 Soldiers advanced money at one time (6).
22 Economise on errands — his own, possibly (4,2,4,5).
24 Poet socially acceptable in Middle Eastern port (5).
25 Embarrassed, I returned everything to Guy (3,2,4).
26 Defends as fashionable a lack of colour (9).
27 Found ahead in the tennis match (3,2).

DOWN

1 Signal carrying little weight (4,5).
2 Money invested in food sent up only just warm (5).
3 War criminal concealing resentment — one to whom there's a lot coming (7).
4 I'm foolish and faint-hearted, getting upset about onset of winter (6).
5 The place to get a snack (8).
6 Drug taking care of novelist (7).
7 To pick on Timothy, one's in the wrong (9).
8 Deploring the devastation inflicted on German capital (5).
13 Passed the start first, without preparation (3-6).
15 Drop off a new design for Pete's logo (2,2,5).
16 Poisonous part of weed found in one bed amongst several (8).
18 Greed, in a strange way, predominated (7).
20 Bill has no love for a loyal friend (7).
21 Film producer and actor — novelist too we hear (6).
22 Happy, perhaps, to take part in World War four (5).
23 Criticise cook (5).

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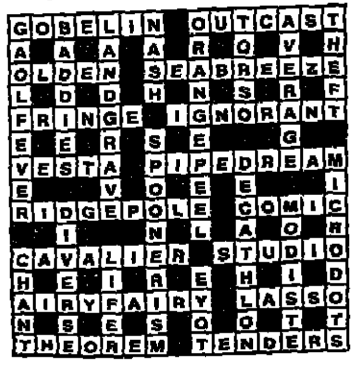
Solution to Puzzle No 17,777



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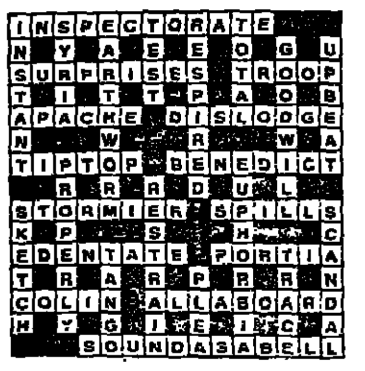

SHEAFFER. *A prize of a distinctive Sheaffer "Targa" Regency Stripe fountain pen with a solid 14-carat gold inlaid nib will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

Name/Address..

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BLECH
a. Afrikaans for a Black
b. An expression of distaste
c. To blanch by freezing

GOONT
a. The male moorhen
b. A mountainous pony
c. Computer failure

QUIDNUNC
a. A nosey-parker
b. A step-uncle
c. An exclamation of pleasure

REMANET
a. A Belgian Post-Impressionist
b. A gladiator's gauntlet
c. Legal postponement

Answers on page 42

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	22.90	21.70
Belgium Fr	68.96	65.45
Canada $	2.12	2.01
Denmark Kr	12.42	11.82
Finland Mkk	7.73	7.33
France Fr	11.05	10.50
Germany Dm	3.244	3.084
Greece Dr	262.00	247.001
Hong Kong $	13.55	12.80
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lira	2430.00	2300.00
Japan Yen	237.00	224.00
Netherlands Gld	3.57	3.48
Norway Kr	11.98	11.38
Portugal Esc	268.00	254.00
South Africa Rd	4.55	4.05
Spain Pta	215.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	11.23	10.63
Switzerland Fr	2.745	2.605
USA $	1.75	1.66
Yugoslavia Dnr	5600.00	4800.00

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Retail Price Index: 107.9 (August)

London: The FT Index closed up 8.1 at 1446.8 .

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed at .

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: T J Meaney, Stockwell Rise, Solihull, West Midlands; J M Mitchell, Society Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset; W Neville, Elystan Court, Howards Lane, Putney; W W Binns, Hursitville Drive, Waterlooville, Hampshire; K Grunwell, Galphay, Ripon.

WEATHER

Scotland and much of England showery with bright spells. Possible thunder. Northern Ireland, Wales and southern England showery. A windy day. Outlook: unsettled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	c	Luxor	41	106	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Madrid	23	73	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Malaga	28	82	s
Amst'dm	12	54	r	Malta	26	79	s
Athens	28	82	f	Melb'rne	21	70	c
Bahrain	34	93	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Barbads*	30	86	s	Milan	21	70	f
Barcelna	23	73	c	Montreal*	15	59	s
Belgrade	20	68	c	Moscow	13	55	f
Berlin	15	59	r	Munich	13	55	c
Bermuda*	30	86	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Biarritz	19	66	f	Naples	24	75	f
Borde'x	20	68	c	N Delhi	28	82	f
Brussels	12	54	r	N York*	22	72	s
Budapst	17	63	s	Nice	25	77	s
B Aires*	17	63	c	Oslo	12	54	r
Cairo	39	102	s	Paris	14	57	c
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Peking	25	77	s
C'blanca	22	72	s	Perth	17	63	f
Ch'church	17	63	c	Prague	14	57	r
Cologne	13	55	r	Reykjvik	9	48	f
C'phagn	13	55	c	Rhodes	27	81	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Rio de J	24	75	c
Dublin	13	55	f	Riyadh	39	102	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Rome	23	73	s
Faro	24	75	s	Salzburg	15	59	c
Florence	17	63	c	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Santiago*	11	52	c
Funchal	22	72	f	S Paulo*	30	86	c
Geneva	19	66	f	Seoul	25	77	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	St'kholm	15	59	c
Helsinki	13	55	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Hong K	25	77	r	Sydney	26	79	s
Innsbrck	13	55	r	Tangier	22	72	f
Istanbul	25	77	f	Tel aviv	29	84	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tenerife	25	77	c
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tokyo	22	72	c
Karachi	36	97	s	Toronto*	18	54	f
L Palmas	24	75	f	Tunis	27	81	f
Le Tquet	17	63	f	Valencia	26	79	f
Lisbon	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	f
Locarno	17	63	c	Venice	19	66	s
L Angels*	21	70	s	Vienna	16	61	c
Luxembg	11	52	r	Warsaw	15	59	c
				Wash'ton*	23	73	s
				Wel'nton	16	61	f
				Zurich	16	61	f

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

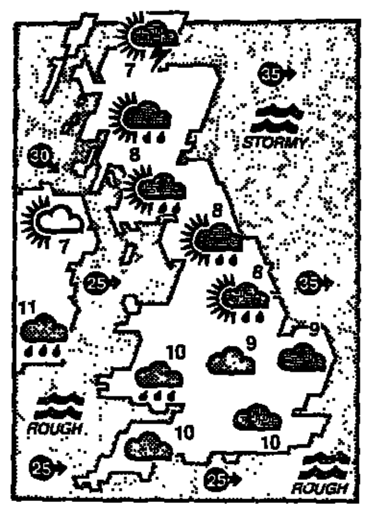
AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.7	.30	14	57	dull
Bridlington	1.9	.17	15	59	cloudy
Hunstanton	0.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Cromer	0.9	.23	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	0.8	.04	18	64	bright
Clacton	1.7	.05	17	63	bright
Southend	0.2	.11	18	64	cloudy
Margate	2.4	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	1.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Eastbourne	2.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Brighton	1.2	.01	17	63	shower
Worthing	2.0	.06	17	63	shower
Littlehmptn	1.6	.06	17	63	shower
Bognor R	1.1	.08	17	63	cloudy
Southsea	1.0	.02	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	3.4	-	17	63	bright
Shanklin	*	.01	17	63	cloudy
Bournemth	0.7	.10	17	63	shower
Poole	0.7	.16	17	63	shower
Swanage	1.0	.16	17	63	shower
Weymouth	1.4	-	16	61	cloudy
Exmouth	2.4	.02	16	61	bright
Teignmouth	3.4	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	3.6	-	17	63	bright
Falmouth	5.2	.28	16	61	sunny
Penzance	5.9	.21	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.0	.30	16	61	shower
Jersey	1.3	.06	17	63	rain
Guernsey	2.6	.24	17	63	rain
Newquay	5.0	.30	15	59	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.57	*	*	shower
Minehead	0.9	.02	15	59	shower
B'pool Airpt	2.6	.05	15	59	rain
Morecambe	1.8	.04	16	61	cloudy
Aberdeen	1.4	.03	15	59	shower
Aviemore	2.4	.04	13	55	shower
Edinburgh	1.3	.22	14	57	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.9	.42	12	54	rain
Glasgow	3.1	.07	15	59	rain
Kinloss	2.6	-	16	61	a.m. bright
Lerwick	4.0	-	13	55	bright
Prestwick	3.8	.07	15	59	rain
Stornoway	3.9	.25	13	55	shower
Tiree	7.8	.20	14	57	shower
Wick	4.6	-	15	59	bright
Belfast	1.4	.13	15	59	shower

* denotes figures not available

These are Thursday's figures

AM



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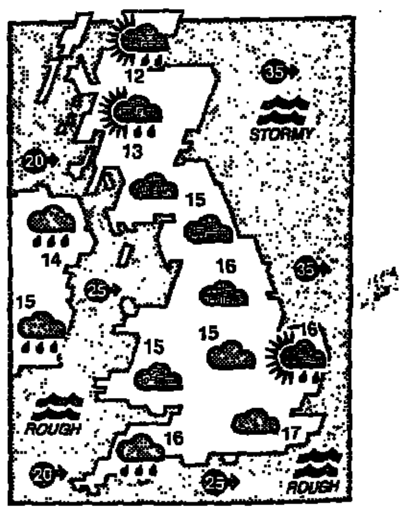

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.07 Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1004.0millibars, falling (1,000 millibars=29.53in).

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 10.00am today. On Sunday, the bridge will be lifted at 5.40pm and 6.40pm.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	f	Guernsey	15	59	f
B'rmgham	13	55	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	11	52	r	Jersey	17	63	f
Bristol	15	59	c	London	17	63	s
Cardiff	15	59	f	M'nchster	11	52	c
Edinburgh	10	50	r	Newcastle	14	57	r
Glasgow	11	52	r	R'nldsway	11	52	c

MANCHESTER

Thursday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8hrs.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Heathrow Airport, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Ilfracombe (Devon), 0.57in; highest sunshine: Tiree (Inner Hebrides), 7.6hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 7.24 pm to 6.22 am
Bristol 7.34 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 7.36 pm to 6.34 am
Manchester 7.32 pm to 6.30 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 6.43 am

TOMORROW
London 7.22 pm to 6.23 am
Bristol 7.31 pm to 6.33 am
Edinburgh 7.34 pm to 6.36 am
Manchester 7.30 pm to 6.32 am
Penzance 7.43 pm to 6.45 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.04	6.8	1.25	6.8
Aberdeen	12.18	4.1	1.04	4.2
Avonmouth	6.43	12.4	7.05	13.2
Belfast	10.32	3.3	10.45	3.7
Cardiff	6.28	11.5	6.50	12.2
Devonport	5.29	5.2	5.47	5.6
Dover	10.35	6.5	10.56	6.6
Falmouth	4.59	5.0	5.17	5.4
Glasgow	—	—	12.24	4.3
Harwich	11.16	3.6	11.54	4.0
Holyhead	9.57	5.4	10.05	5.8
Hull	5.35	7.0	6.22	7.2
Ilfracombe	5.31	8.7	5.52	9.2
Leith	1.49	5.2	2.29	5.4
Liverpool	10.52	9.1	11.07	9.7
Lowestoft	8.26	2.4	9.38	2.4
Margate	11.21	4.7	—	—

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.59	7.3	2.14	7.2
Aberdeen	1.04	4.5	1.48	4.4
Avonmouth	7.34	13.4	7.53	13.9
Belfast	11.14	3.4	11.28	3.8
Cardiff	7.19	12.3	7.28	12.8
Devonport	6.18	5.6	6.35	5.9
Dover	11.16	6.8	11.37	6.8
Falmouth	5.48	5.4	6.05	5.7
Glasgow	12.46	4.8	1.13	4.5
Harwich	—	—	12.08	3.9
Holyhead	10.36	5.6	10.46	6.1
Hull	6.19	7.5	7.03	7.6
Ilfracombe	6.18	9.2	6.36	9.7
Leith	2.34	5.6	3.10	5.7
Liverpool	11.35	9.5	11.51	10.1
Lowestoft	9.18	2.5	10.17	2.4
Margate	12.06	4.9	12.08	4.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

TODAY
Sun rises: 6.50 am
Sun sets: 6.54 pm
Moon sets: 4.40 am
Moon rises: 6.23 pm
Full Moon Tomorrow

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 6.52 am
Sun sets: 6.52 pm
Moon sets: 6.12 am
Moon rises: 6.36 pm
Full Moon 8.07pm

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Adviser to Taylor Woodrow

Taylor Woodrow, the construction group, under apparent threat of a takeover bid from Sir Jeffrey Sterling's P&O group, has confirmed the appointment of J Henry Schroder Wagg as merchant bank adviser on "future corporate strategy."

The move is regarded in the City as evidence that Sir Frank Gibb, the Taylor Woodrow chairman, is hastily building a war cabinet, in readiness for a potential bid from P&O, which has amassed a 10 per cent stake.

The group is retaining the services of Hambros Bank, its long-standing adviser, whose chairman Mr Charles Hambro is on the TW board.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6720 (+0.0045)
W German mark
3.1333 (+0.0009)
Trade-weighted
75.2 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1446.8 (+6.1)
FT-SE 100
1792.4 (+3.7)
Bargains
20372
USM (Datastream)
n/a

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2084.46 (+4.45)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2454.38 (-1.46)
Amsterdam: Gen	269.5 (-1.2)
Sydney: AO	1551.3 (+9.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1567.4 (+0.1)
Brussels:	
General	5229.5 (-28.0)
Paris: CAC	370.7 (-0.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen	477.1 (+2.9)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	n/a
FT.— "500"	n/a
FT. Gold Mines	164.6 (+1.9)
FT. Fixed interest	96.21 (+0.21)
FT. Govt Secs	87.16 (+0.19)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Allied Lyons	456p (+38p)
RM Douglas	285½p (+10p)
Booker	382½p (+8p)
GF Lovell	155p (+17p)
Grand Met	496p (+12p)
Stakis	96p (+8p)
Trusthouse Forte	261½p (+9½p)
Multitone Elect	61p (+10p)
Refuge	461½p (+10p)
Steel Burrill	227½p (+9p)
J Neill	198½p (+15p)
Recardo Eng	119½p (+10p)
Rothmans 'B'	449p (+11½p)
WPP	469½p (+10p)
Lonrho	341½p (+38p)
FALLS:	
Lasmo	556½p (-10½p)
Local London	505p (-30p)
Brent Walker	345p (-14p)
Hardanger	680p (-15p)
Jermyn	250p (-50p)
4pm prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month interbank 12⅝-12$\frac{11}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 11$\frac{23}{32}$-11⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8$\frac{3}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.24-7.22%*
30-year bonds 100$\frac{11}{32}$-100$\frac{13}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6720	£: $1.6715*
£: DM3.1333	$: DM1.8755*
£: SwFr2.6476	$: SwFr1.5850*
£: FFr10.6715	$: FFr6.3885*
£: Yen224.71	$: Yen134.40*
£: Index:75.2	$: Index:99.7
ECU £0.661916	SDR £0.770806

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $399.30 pm-$400.35
close $398.00-398.50 (£238.00-238.50)
New York:
Comex $397.80-398.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm $13.65bbl ($13.55)
*** Denotes latest trading price**

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Cons Gold (02200) slipped 60p on fears of a bid referral while another possible bid target Local London Group (02856) shed 30p on profit taking; hopes of bid helped Stakis (02800) up 7½p while T Cowie (01843) added 7p on speculative demand.
- Recent additions include: Zurich Group 03442; Ritz Design Group 03443; Hampson 6.5% conv pref 03444; Alida Holdings 9.5% pref 03445; Tace 03449.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Liquidators' figures point to 37% refund

New blow to hopes of BCI investors

By Lawrence Lever

The first figures released by the liquidators of Barlow Clowes International, the offshore arm of the crashed investment group, indicate that only £52 million out of £140 million of investors' money — or 37 per cent — will be recovered.

This is considerably below estimates given by Mr Peter Clowes, the former Barlow Clowes chief, and by other sources which estimated a likely payout of more than 50 per cent. After deducting the costs of the liquidation, investors may receive only a third of their money back.

Mr Michael Jordan, of Cork Gully, one of the joint liquidators, stressed yesterday that the liquidators' figures were "the best estimates on current information available". "Our investigations are far from complete," he said.

He also gave the first indication of when BCI investors could expect to see some of their money back. "We would hope that it will be possible to pay a small distribution to investors in BCI early next year to alleviate their immediate hardship," he said.

The liquidators task has been made more difficult by the enormous amount of tracing which they have had to do to discover where investors' money went.

For instance $900,000 was used in connection with the purchase of a yacht called Yara. This money went through 11 different bank accounts — one in Gibraltar, five in Jersey, four in the Isle of Man and one in Geneva — before being paid out to finance the purchase.

The tables below indicate what has happened to the offshore funds of Barlow Clowes between 1977 and 1988, when the firm operated funds outside the UK.

The £225 million received, in the liabilities table, is the total amount that investors put into the offshore funds based in Jersey, then Geneva and finally Gibraltar.

The notional gains of £24 million are, in fact, fictitious. They represent returns attributable to those investors who elected to have their gains accumulate, but which were never actually made. The £24 million of notional gains is considerably less than previous estimates, which suggests the actual losses on the £140 million owed to investors are larger than thought.

On the liabilities side only £23 million out of the £86 million of loans made to companies connected to Mr Clowes and associates is thought to be recoverable.

A total of £8 million has been paid on the expenses of the offshore operation. The liquidators are unable to say at the moment if this money was expended properly.

The realizations also include a claim of £6 million against Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers representing the balance of monies owed to BCI as a result of mixing of the two funds. However, the £6 million figure is open to question. It is arrived at by using a straightforward deduction between the £16 million of BCI money transferred to BCGM and the £10 million of BCGM money paid to BCI. But the legal position is complicated and a straightforward deduction might not be possible.

The liquidators are holding £52.5 million cash to meet BCGM investors' claims of £52 million.

BARLOW CLOWES INTERNATIONAL LIABILITIES AND ESTIMATED REALISATIONS

Liabilities (£m)		Estimated realisations (£m)	
Cash deposited	225	Loans to companies connected to Mr Clowes and associates	23.0
Notional gains	24	Cash in bank	14.3
Total	249	Gilts	1.8
Gains paid out	9	Personal assets assigned by Mr Clowes	1.5
Cash withdrawls	100	Back-to-back loans for James Ferguson	5.5
Total	109	Claims against BCGM	6.0
Net claims from investors	140	Total estimated realisations	52.1

Lonrho talks tough as its shares leap ahead

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr "Tiny" Rowland's Lonrho came out fighting so strongly that it upset the Stock Exchange yesterday after its shares jumped another 36p to 340p on takeover speculation prompted by the stake built up by Mr Asher Edelman, the American corporate raider.

Around 24 million Lonrho shares are thought to have been traded yesterday, many of them through Johannesburg where Lonrho is best known for its highly profitable Western Platinum mines.

Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho said that the board took Mr Edelman seriously but said any possibility of a meeting with him was "Mr Rowland's business".

In an interview with Reuters, Mr Spicer said: "If shareholders want us to break up the company and release £6 per share, the best team in the world for selling the assets is the Lonrho board." He said that asset sales or a management buyout had not been ruled out but "the best thing that could happen is for shareholders to stay with us . . . and watch the shares go up to perhaps £8 or £9 in a year or two".

These remarks landed Lonrho in hot water with the Stock Exchange, however, and Mr Spicer pointed out to *The Times* later that it was City analysts, not the company, who had suggested a break-up value of between 500p and 650p per share for Lonrho.

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Mr Spicer said the directors did not sit around the boardroom table planning management buyouts or breaking up the company. "We just get on with making money for our shareholders," he said.

He said he did not think defensive measures were necessary at this stage.

Mr Spicer said the group had been talking to City analysts for several years because Lonrho was large and complex and noted that there seven stockbrokers had issued circulars advising clients to buy Lonrho shares.

Mr Spicer told Reuters that the group's current strategy was to continue to concentrate on hotels, mining and car distribution and there was the possibility of assembling an unnamed marque for the European market.

Benedetti may face extortion charge

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Italian financial markets were sent reeling yesterday by a Milan magistrate's recommendation that Signor Carlo de Benedetti, the chairman of Olivetti, should stand trial in connection with Banco Ambrosiano, which collapsed in 1982, leaving debts of £780 million.

Signor Pierluigi Dell'Osso, the magistrate, recommended that Signor de Benedetti be charged with extortion over a sale of shares to Signor Roberto Calvi, the head of Banco Ambrosiano, who was found hanging under Blackfriars Bridge in London shortly before his bank failed.

Signor Dell'Osso has been investigating the bank's collapse for the past six years. His report will now be considered by senior judges before a decision is made, probably within the next two months, whether to try Signor de Benedetti and 30 others. Signor de Benedetti's lawyers yesterday rejected the trial request.

According to judicial sources, the case against Signor de Benedetti concerns a period in 1981 when he was vice-president of Banco Ambrosiano, and a sale of shares to Signor Calvi when Signor de Benedetti left the job.

Several of the 30 others under investigation have been recommended by Signor Dell'Osso to be tried on charges of complicity in fraudulent bankruptcy. They include Signor Licio Gelli, the former head of the illegal P2 masonic lodge. Signor Gelli is in a Swiss prison, and has already been sentenced to seven years in jail for his part in the bombing of Bologna railway station in 1980.

Tesco returns to East End with £34m Docklands store

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Tesco, Britain's second biggest food retailer, founded when Sir Jack Cohen bought a market stall in Hackney with a £30 gratuity after he left the RAF in 1919, is returning to the East End with the opening next month of a 50,000 sq ft superstore in Docklands.

The new store — twice the size of a basic Tesco superstore — is part of Surrey Quays shopping development.

The new shop, costing £34 million, will be the 375th in the group and its 140th superstore. During the past decade Tesco has reduced the number of outlets from nearly 600 but enlarged its premises. Selling space has risen in that time by 11,800 sq ft.

The new store will be one of 16 to open this year and Tesco plans a further 19 outlets next year, spending a total of £1 billion over the next three years.

This capital expenditure programme is one reason why some analysts are estimating first half profits, to be announced next Wednesday, at £115 million, rather than the £110 million others in the market are expecting. This 30 per cent increase compares with £90.6 million in profits for the same period last year.

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It is believed that the company's policy of heavy investment in revamping its units is paying off. Trading margins, which were running last year at an average of 5.2 per cent, may have increased up to 9 per cent in some of the larger, newer stores.

Sales per sq ft, which were running at £11 a week last year, are now thought to be up to £15 per sq ft a week in the new stores, as added value goods, such as flowers and beauty products are introduced.

But future strategy for the group in the 1990s remains undecided. Analysts believe that the board, headed by Mr Ian MacLaurin, is still debating whether to follow the example of Sainsbury and Marks & and Spencer which have bought US food chains.

Question marks grow as the big money show rolls into town

Doubt raised on IMF meeting 'tour'

From Bailey Morris, West Berlin

When the last canape has been consumed, and the hired limousines are gone, the great debate will continue over whether to again stage annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund outside Washington.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, raised the issue this week when he described the annual spectacles as expensive, heavily-policed events which overburdened the host cities and resulted in a less civilized outcome for all.

Mr Lawson's comments were not aimed at Berlin, this year's proud host city, but at a ritual. Finance ministers, the world's bankers, thousands of journalists and assorted hangers-on converge on a city outside Washington every other autumn for an orgy of meetings, parties and political events which sometimes achieve dubious results.

In 1982 in Toronto, the start of the Third World debt crisis, the results were impressive as ministers mobilized to prevent the collapse of Mexico. Last year in Washington, the dominant scene was a commodity price index which might include gold, a serious topic to be sure, but one which paled in comparison with the live bands, gallons of Californian champagne and stretch limousines which dominated the after-life of the meetings.

This year, the oft-repeated question of whether the cost and cacophony of the meetings justify the end results has been raised anew in reaction to the threat of widespread demonstrations by protest groups. The aborted shooting-kidnapping of Herr Hans Tietmeyer, the West German Finance Ministry Secretary of State, cast a dark shadow even before the official opening next week.

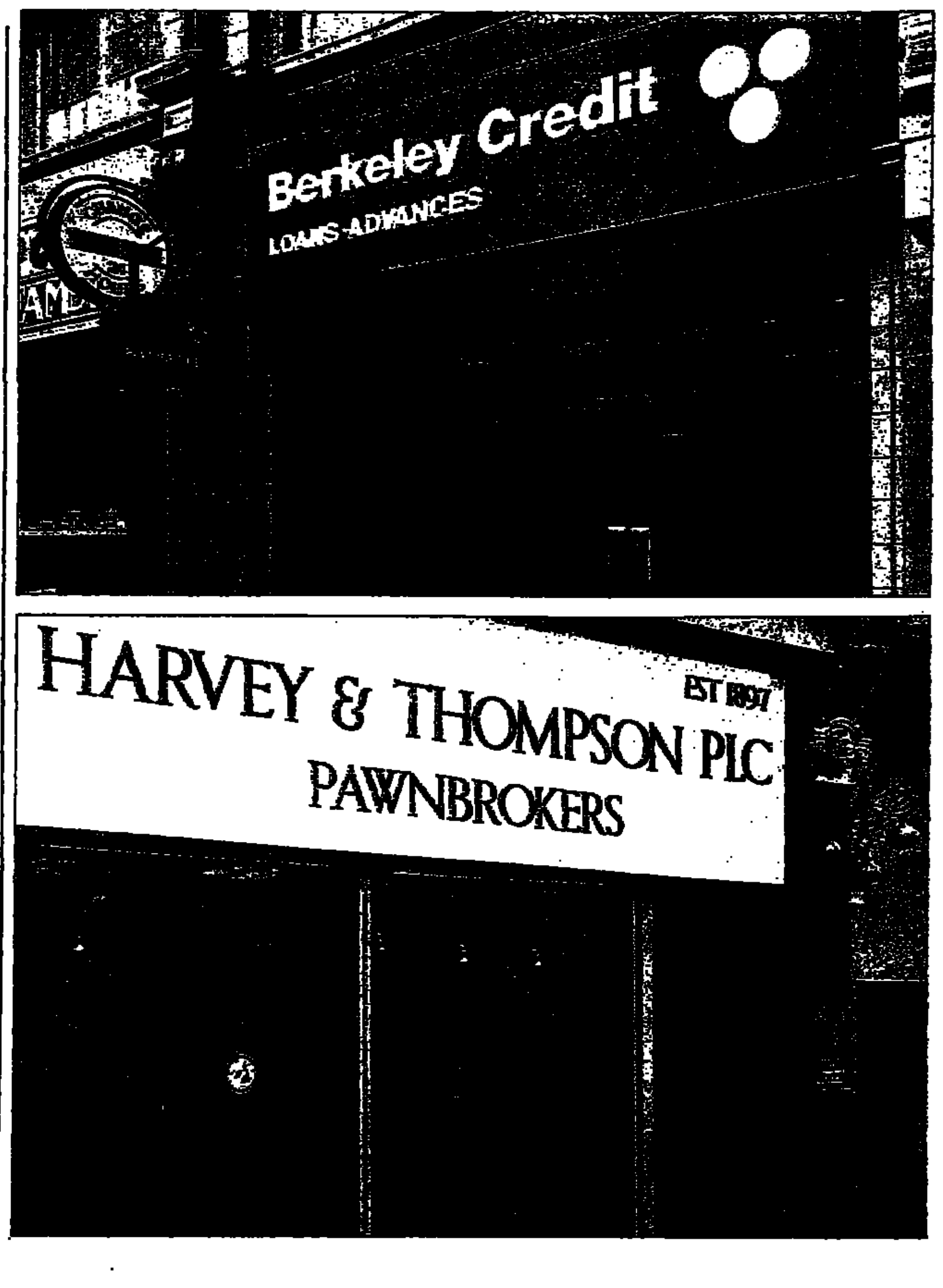
Critics said that the convening of so much power, money, and media in one place was a ready-made environment for terrorists, demonstrators and others who would deflect the meetings from their real purpose.

One official of a Berlin church group said that the pageantry and partying gave the impression that the ministers and bankers "fiddled" while the Third World burned.

Better to hold the event in Washington, the headquarters of both the IMF and the bank, where protests are common place and the roar of the meetings is hardly noticed.

One bemused official of Dresdner Bank AG noted that in Berlin, the meeting was the main event But in Washington, during the first such event that he attended, there were four or five meetings under way simultaneously — notably one involving 8,000 oil and gas distributors from Texas, Oklahoma, and all parts West, who marched around in cowboy boots and 10-gallon hats, completely overshadowing the bankers.

Veteran meeting-goers noted wryly this week that for every downside of the IMF-World Bank session, as in economic summits, there is a plus side. Consciences are raised and heros are made. This year, renewed concern over the plight of debtor nations is likely to pave the way for substantive action after the US elections.



Old trade, new style: today's pawnbrokers are a far cry from yesterday's back street shops

A change of status for 'Uncle' and his clients

By Rachel Warren

"Uncle" — the pawnbroker to whom the poor once turned in their hour of need — is changing his status in the affluent 80s. The owners of credit cards, video cameras and Porsches are the customers now.

They have brought expansion for London pawnbrokers and prosperity for the surviving shops in Scotland. Only in Wales has pawnbroking virtually disappeared.

Mr Lewis Watson, managing director of Harvey and Thomson, estimates that at least 200 customers pass through its south London branch every day.

The company has proved particularly successful in London, where it has 16 branches, and the Midlands and North-west, where it is expanding. It opened a branch in London's affluent Golders Green in the late 1970s, to see whether pawnbroking could thrive away from traditional back-street haunts. It has, says Mr Watson, flourished ever since.

"It is probably our most up-market shop. Who would think of a pawnbroker business thriving there? Lots of people said "What are they doing when we opened, but today it is one of our busiest shops."

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He finds that indicative of the changing clientele. "Our clients are now across the board. They might formerly have been the so-called working classes, pawning objects to pay the rent. Some of them still are. But now we also get salaried people — professionals. Lots of them are business people coming because they have unexpected VAT bills, credit card debts or even to pay for a second holiday."

Current clients of London Pledge Company have deposited an old Mercedes and a vintage Ford GT40, parked behind its premises. But it did draw the line at the Cessna, whose owner was patently looking for free parking space as he scratched around for funds to pay for the aircraft.

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INSIDE STORY

PHIL SAYER

Ian MacLaurin, reflecting on his company's image: Tesco, once a pioneer of supermarkets, was slow to recognize the potential of the opposition's out-of-town stores. Operation Checkout, 11 years ago, enabled it to make a clean break with the past

Checking out the future

After decades of success, Tesco's Green Shield stamps and small stores were looking distinctly old-fashioned by the mid-Seventies.

Ian MacLaurin, Tesco's chairman, explains how attitudes had to be changed before the vital recovery could be mounted

Little more than a decade ago, Tesco was close to being written off by the markets, a situation due, in part, to a sense of complacency induced by its former achievements. Then morale in the company was falling almost as fast as its City rating and its market share — and it was a favourite pastime among analysts to compare its "time of troubles" with their favoured stock, Sainsbury. Recently, by contrast, a commentator in one of the retail industry's leading journals posed the question: "Will the enormously confident Sainsbury be overtaken by the newly revitalized Tesco?"

Tesco operates in the most competitive sector of the UK economy, and one in which success is not only notoriously elusive but also notoriously short-lived for those who believe they have found the secret of its durability. Obviously the idea of easy continuing success is absurd, not least when change has moved into the fast lane, overtaking the time we have to adjust to it.

It is a truth that may be intimidating, but it is one that Tesco has had to come to terms with these past 10 years. Until the late 1960s the seemingly inexorable growth of the company (in 1945 a London and Home Counties multiple operating out of little more than 100 stores: by 1970 a national group operating from 735 shops) had tended to disguise the paradoxical link between success and its *doppelgänger*, failure. For a quarter of a century the company had sustained an unbroken pattern of growth in turnover, in market share, in profits.

The very speed and magnitude of the expansion, however, had disguised certain fundamental problems within the company. The very name Tesco was regarded as a talisman, and the nature of its success as self-perpetuating. The company became careless of the fact that conditions were changing around it. While Tesco reflected on its achievements in the immediate past, the competition reflected on ways to curb its success in the future.

Cracks in Tesco's facade were soon to be exposed. By the mid-1970s, Tesco shares were selling at around 20p, and brokers were near-unanimous in their advice to sell Tesco stock. The company's share of the growth market was static and its development programme had come to a virtual halt. For the independent observer, the question may well have been whether Tesco would survive as a free-standing entity or whether, with the continuing rationalization of the industry, it would fall victim to a merger or takeover — moves at which, until comparatively recently, the company itself had been so adept.

Without radical changes in the philosophy of the company, without its seeing beyond the comfortable illusion of success to the very real possibility of failure, and without a major transformation of the entire character of the company, there would have been no Tesco.

Bertrand Russell never tired of remarking that, given the right questions, anyone can obtain the right answers. The dictum applied exactly to Tesco's situation. The first need was to determine precisely what were the problems within the company, before deciding what could be done to resolve them.

The immediate problems were perceived as twofold. On the one hand the company was trading with an image which had been successful in the 1950s and 1960s, but had rapidly diminishing relevance to the 1970s. On the other, due to the weakness of its development programme, Tesco operated in small and often inadequate units which reinforced the impression that the company had lost touch with market reality.

Underlying both problems, of course, were management attitudes based on the conviction that what had served so well in the past would serve equally well in the future. All the evidence might contradict the assumption, but it remained an article of faith that was ultimately tested to breaking point over the issue of trading stamps.

Throughout the 1960s Tesco had been a major exponent of stamps, and during that decade the Green Shield emblem had become virtually synonymous with the company's identity. By the mid-1970s, however, there were growing doubts not only about the value of Tesco's annual investment in stamping, but also about their impact on the customer's perception of the company. It could be argued that trading stamps, and all they represented, were symptomatic not so much of the traditional Tesco as of the traditional attitudes that dominated Tesco management.

As long as those attitudes prevailed, stamping would remain a part of Tesco — with all that this implied for the future of the company. The issue finally came to a head in the spring of 1977, when, by a single vote, it was agreed to drop stamps. Three months later, the company announced the decision — allied to a massive price-cutting campaign, thanks to the economies achieved by abandoning stamps.

The story of the day that Tesco dropped Green Shield is now a part of marketing folklore: within a year turnover almost doubled and market share rose substantially. There could be no denying the quick success of the decision to abandon stamps, though subsequently it has tended to mask the altogether more important fact that the success of Operation Checkout (as the dropping of stamps was termed) effectively marked a clean break with the past.

Almost half a century has passed since Sir John Cohen had first established the company as one retailer among the multiple pack of the 1930s, and while no one could gainsay his achievements, Checkout effectively symbolized the first stage in a radical shift in the entire trading strategy of the company. However, while it takes time to formulate a new corporate strategy, the runaway success of Checkout created an immediate demand for the re-evaluation of Tesco's store and development programme.

Tesco had been among the pioneers of supermarketing in the 1950s, but it was slow to recognize the potential of new, even larger stores being developed by the competition. The hypermarket or superstore — a US innovation — was gaining increasing favour on the Continent by the 1960s. Such units cater largely for car-borne shoppers and are based on edge-of-town or out-of-town sites.

It was only in 1975, and well behind such groups as Carrefour and Asda, that Tesco opened its first large store at Irlam, on the outskirts of Manchester. The priority, and a critical one, was to make up lost ground on the competition — and within two years of launching Checkout, the company's development budget had grown twelvefold, against a background of continuing reduction in the number of smaller trading units. Thus by 1980 the company was operating out of only 550 stores — yet its trading area had grown by 300,000 square feet.

> **‘Nothing succeeds like success, they say — but history has a full portfolio of evidence to the contrary’**

But it was not only that this new generation of stores allowed Tesco to keep pace with the competition. Equally important, they provided the company with the means of transforming its trading identity. Indeed, if the new identity of the company first test-marketed at the launch of Checkout had not been complemented by the development of attractive modern stores, a damaging conflict of image would have arisen — our high-street identity contrasting vividly with the whole thrust of our new marketing programme.

In the early days of the company it was said that Sir John Cohen could balance Tesco's profit and loss account on the back of an envelope. Much had already changed in the company's first half-century, but Checkout, and all that followed, demanded an acceleration in the pace of change, for there is a quantum difference between running a supermarket of 9,000 or 10,000 sq ft with a staff of 20 supporting a six-figure annual turnover, and a store of six, eight, or even 10 times this size — a difference as much in management attitudes as in the stock control, marketing, merchandising and personnel systems, all of which have to achieve a new degree of sophistication.

Since the 1960s, Tesco had been running a small training unit. By the late 1970s that unit was undergoing rapid expansion in order to develop the essential in-house skills needed not only to handle the new business being generated by the company but also to maintain a high level of service in the growing number of large stores becoming operational. Since time immemorial, retail has been a "people business", but in the post-war years there has always been the danger that the growing application of economies of scale to the business would tend to dehumanize the shopper, more especially when allied to the introduction of advanced systems.

Although these two developments occurred in isolation, it is argued that the first, the growth of new superstores, would have been virtually unmanageable without the second, new technology. A modern Tesco unit trades in as many as 18,000 lines, turning over upwards of £1 million a week. It is a further salutary reminder of the accelerating pace of change and, consequently, the contracting lead-time for adaptation, that the introduction of increasingly sophisticated systems has closely paralleled the continuous shift to larger stores. If it took a millennium to develop the abacus, and a century the manual till, then the electronic cash register came of age in less than a decade — and is already threatened with obsolescence by the introduction first of bar coding, and now of electronic point of sale systems, which additionally make possible automatic stocktaking, essential in a huge store.

Individually, either of these developments — much larger stores or advanced electronic systems — would have posed problems. Together they created the risk of depersonalized shopping, of intimidating and thus alienating the customer. In-store design can do much to overcome the problem, but in the end the character of the shop, whatever its form, continues to depend on the quality of its staff, which explains the growing stress placed on the recruitment and the training of all levels of staff within the company.

Seen from the distance of a decade, Tesco's revival may appear as a seamless pattern, each element reinforcing the other — selling in the new identity, reorienting the development programme to complement this image, introducing increasingly refined systems to service the new generation of large stores, and above all, training a new generation of staff to manage them. As we have seen, things were not quite so controlled. Theoretically, of course, a comprehensive strategy should have been formulated before Checkout was launched. But there is a world of difference between theory and practice, and even the most optimistic could not have anticipated the extraordinary success of the operation.

The inherent risk of success is that it can all too easily induce complacency, a corrosive condition in any business, and in the retail sector a fatal one. There can be no doubt at all about the impact of Checkout, as indicated by the near-frenzied response of the opposition. As the *Financial Times* observed, there was "war on the high street". For Tesco, two priorities emerged — to consolidate immediate gains while developing a credible formula for future expansion. Both ultimately turned on the capacity of senior management to rethink its entire approach to the company.

Where previously senior management had tended to live on a day-to-day basis, depending on "feel" for the market, there was now to be a significant shift towards "thinking long".

There was (and in some cases continues to be) a deep-rooted belief among certain retailers that they shaped, rather than were shaped by, the environment in which they traded. The notion, by no means confined to retailers, is absurd. No company is bigger than the market in which it trades, and unless it makes an effort to gain some idea of what the future may hold, it radically diminishes its future trading prospects.

Obviously there are no absolutes in the game of strategic planning. As Tesco learnt, however, this does nothing to minimize its importance. Indeed, without the capacity to monitor and then interpret the underlying shifts taking place in the socio-economy, all the internal changes (the creation of a new identity, the development of new stores, the retraining of staff, the application of advanced systems) are placed in jeopardy.

Not that the external and internal elements are incompatible. On the contrary, they complement one another to provide a coherent strategy for trading in tomorrow's world: a strategy based on identifying on the one hand where the company should be going, and on the other how it is to get there. The alternative, of being taken unawares by what Galbraith once termed "the uncertain future", is at best a high-risk formula, and at worst a self-destruct mechanism of corporate magnitude.

In Tesco's case, the lesson of attempting to manage the future and, consequently, of managing change took time to learn. To pretend otherwise would be nonsense. Traditional attitudes and practices die hard, and it has taken time to reorient the company since the exciting days of 1977. More important, the reorientation process still continues, as is inevitable if the company is to show it has gleaned anything from the past.

Nothing succeeds like success, they say, but history has an equally full portfolio of evidence to the contrary: nothing has been known to fail like success either. Success is a risky business. Within itself, it carries the seeds of failure — complacency, ignorance and a lightheaded arrogance. Behind some of the world's most spectacular failures lies a blissful optimism born of earlier success.

Tesco provides the perfect example: steady, seemingly inexorable progress for 50 years, with success after stunning success, and then, in the mid-1970s, the shocking realization that nobody — neither the consumer nor the money market — wanted to know any more. Dr Johnson once described what follows success as "that empty sound". It is the point at which, as we at Tesco have now learnt the hard way, success must be redefined.

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Miller & Santhouse makes £5m cash call as profits soar

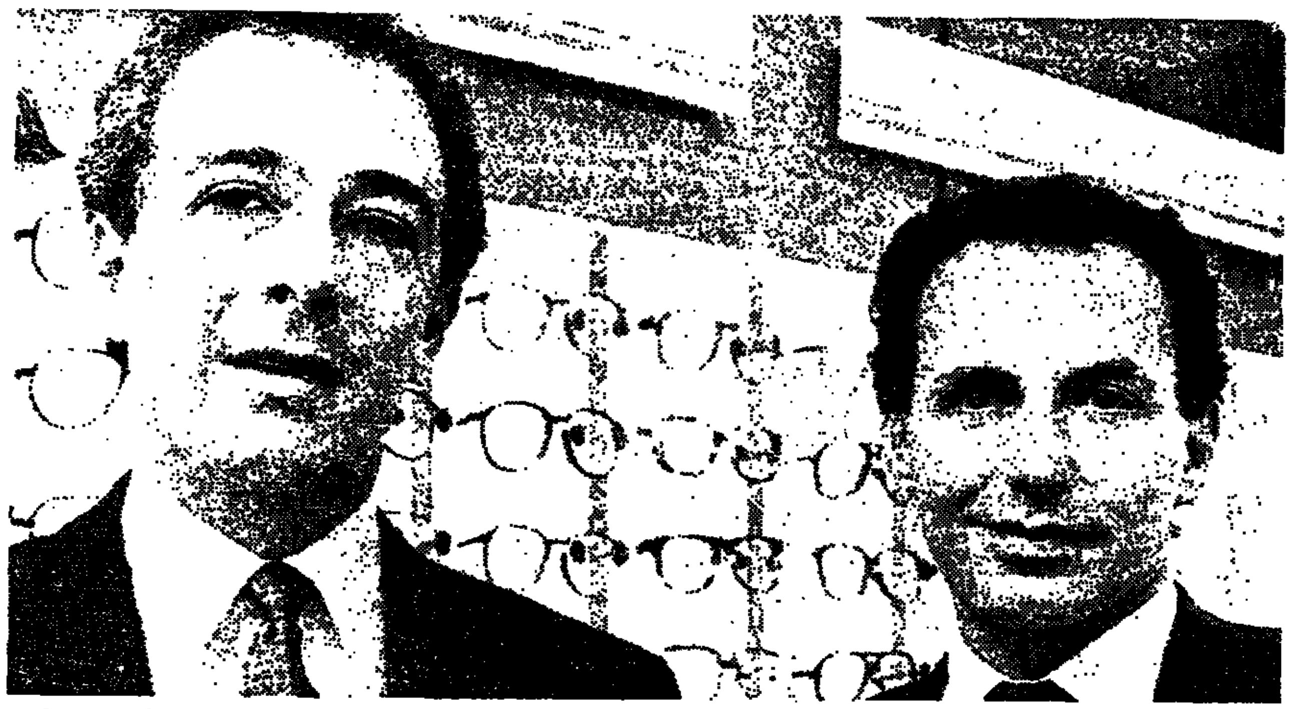
By Rosemary Unsworth

Baby boomers are now reaching their forties and need to buy reading glasses, according to Mr Maurice Miller, chairman of Miller & Santhouse, the Liverpool spectacles retailer.

He was in London yesterday explaining how his group more than doubled its profits and the reason for a £5 million rights issue. Miller & Santhouse, which came to the USM two years ago, is now also seeking a full stock market listing.

Pretax profits for the 85-branch chain were £1.5 million for the year to June 30, compared with £611,000. Turnover soared from £5.79 million to £13 million and a final dividend of 2.75p net is recommended, making a total of 4p, up 70 per cent on the previous year.

Since last year the group has expanded from 39 branches and plans to run a total of 95 by the end of this year. This growth is to continue at a rate of about 40 new branches a year until the group has 450, when it believes it will be represented on all prime high street sites in the UK.



Glasses raised to higher profits: Jeffrey Santhouse (left) and Maurice Miller yesterday (Photograph by James Gray)

The group sells a wide range of spectacles — mainly own label — and contact lenses and offers a one-hour supply service in a open shop environment. It believes this style appeals to consumers who are waking up to the idea of owning more than 1.2 pairs of spectacles each.

Miller & Santhouse seized its 3 per cent share of the UK spectacles market — worth £600 million a year — when the Government started deregulating the optical industry. It will be completed, said Mr Miller, with the introduction next year, probably on April 1, of the Medicines Act, when free eye tests will be abolished.

"We expect turnover to be brisk in January, February and March of next year which will offset some of the decline after that," he said.

Miller & Santhouse is behind Dolland & Aitchison, the market leader in spectacles retailing with its 700 shops, and Boots which has 250 shops.

The rights issue, which is on the basis of two for seven shares at 300p, will be used to reduce borrowings of about £3 million, incurred through the group's rapid expansion and *the establishment of a new* head office in Liverpool's Beatle City Museum.

After the announcement the shares dipped 25p to 430p. The rights issue will mean that Mr Miller's shareholding will fall from 33 to 28 per cent while board interests will represent 45 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

HK Land interim advances to £40m

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Hong Kong's biggest property company, Hongkong Land, yesterday announced a 13 per cent rise in profits to HK$536 million (£40.6 million) for the six months ending June 30.

The figures mask the true performance of the company, as the 1987 interim included a contribution from Mandarin Oriental International which was hived off as a separately-listed company in June last year.

On Thursday Mandarin Oriental International reported interim after-tax profits up by 30 per cent to HK$145 million.

Mr Brian Powers, who took over from Mr Simon Keswick as chairman and managing director in June, said the group's office and retail portfolio was now 99 per cent leased.

"Vacancy remains at a low level throughout the Grade A office market and, with the company's own portfolio virtually full, rents have continued to increase in the second half of the year."

The group owns more than 5.5 million sq ft of prime commercial space, including some of the best-known landmarks in Hong Kong.

Earnings per share were 8 per cent higher at HK21.4 cents, and the interim dividend is being raised from HK12 cents to HK13 cents

Hongkong Land is controlled by the Keswick family through its Hong Kong-listed investment firm, Jardine Strategic Holdings. In May Jardine Strategic Holdings increased its shareholding in Hongkong Lnad to 33 per cent after resisting a takeover bid from three of the Colony's biggest Chinese tycoons.

Mr Li Ka-shing, head of Cheung Kong, Mr Lee Shau-kee, Henderson Land chairman, and Mr Cheng Yu-tung, New World chairman, together with Peking-backed China International Trust and Investment Corporation gathered an 8 per cent stake in Hongkong Land and tried to persuade Mr Powers and Mr Keswick to sell them Jardine's stake.

They refused and instead the tycoons sold their 205 million shares for HK$1.8 billion.

Mr Powers said the company's net profit for the full year *"will be higher than in 1987,"* notwithstanding the inclusion last year of about HK$400 million of profits from property trading and from Mandarin Oriental International.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Half-time £2.17m by Haden MacLellan

Haden MacLellan Holdings, the engineering group headed by Mr Philip Ling, has reported pre-tax profits for the first six months of this year of £2.17 million. Previous figures are not comparable, as they came before the double reverse takeover which combined the private Haden and Haleworth Holdings companies with the smaller but quoted P&W MacLellan. The interim dividend is more than doubled, from 0.7p to 1.5p a share.

Mr Ling said that the original MacLellan and Haleworth companies had traded extremely well during the first half. The company was still looking to expand, with a number of prospects under active consideration, he said. On the Continent, however, the Haden businesses entered the year with abnormally low order books.

Tuskar bids for Arabex

Dublin-based Tuskar Resources plans a cash bid for Arabex Petroleum, the Australian oil explorer. The offer, which needs approval by the National Companies and Securities Commission of Australia, values Arabex at IR£8.9 million. Tuskar has 16.9 per cent of Arabex and is bidding up to IR£7.4 million for the remaining shares and options. Tuskar is offering Aus$0.29 for every Arabex share.

Sykes shows slim increase

Sykes-Pickavant Group, the car tool manufacturer with a USM quote, is raising the interim dividend from 1.44p a share to 2.25p despite pre-tax profits remaining almost static in the first six months of 1988. On turnover up from £6.65 million to £7.55 million, it made profits of £830,000 against £810,000 last time. Mr Paul Mindelsohn, the chairman, expects the second half to improve on last year.

London Life explains

London Life, the insurance company, has agreed to give a fuller explanation of its reasons for wanting a merger with Australian Mutual Provident after pressure from a group of policy-holders opposed to the deal. Documents outlining the move, which are expected to be sent to policy-holders on Monday, will now give reasons for the deal and details of how AMP plans to run London Life after the merger. If the group finds the explanations inadequate, it will advise policy-holders to oppose the scheme.

The group believes a merger with some more compatible insurance company, such as Equitable Life, could make more sense. An extraordinary meeting to vote on the merger will be held on October 19.

Maude visit to Far East

Mr Francis Maude, the Corporate Affairs Minister, flew to Singapore yesterday at the start of a fact-finding tour which includes Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. Discussions are expected to centre on the impact of the single European market on imports from the Far East. Other issues on the agenda are deregulation, access to markets and stock exchanges, and British trade with the region.

Waterman up to £3.8m

Waterman Partnership Holdings, the consulting structural and civil engineer which came to the market this year, has more than doubled pre-tax profits, from £1.84 million to £3.78 million, in the year to end-June. Earnings are up from 6.8p a share to 13.9p. Waterman is paying a special final dividend of 1.5p a share in respect of the 38-day period from the flotation of the company to the year-end.

Foseco in US buyout

Foseco, the speciality chemicals group, has agreed to buy out the outstanding 40 per cent minority shareholding in its US Celtite subsidiary from Société Anonyme d'Explosifs et de Produits Chimiques for $3.2 million (£1.92 million).

Celtite makes chemical anchoring products for the construction and mining industries. It has been a joint venture for a couple of decades with the French company, which is now moving away from this kind of product. At the same time Foseco, which in July shortened its name from Foseco Minsep, has been developing new products for the mining industry which it is anxious to sell in the US.

Pricing committee of Opec to meet

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' pricing committee is to meet tomorrow, probably in Madrid, to draw up the framework of a new pricing system which it hopes will be accepted by all 13 member-countries.

The five ministers, who make up the committee, from Indonesia, Venezuela, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, are unlikely to make any final announcement after their discussions. Instead they will take proposals to the other members for consideration before the scheduled ministerial meeting on November 21.

Prices are well under the Opec target of $18 a barrel with North Sea Brent crude, which commands a far higher price than most Opec oils, changing hands for about $13.60 a barrel.

Oil traders are still suggesting the price could go down unless Opec agrees to a strict quota system. At present its members are pumping 20 million barrels a day, compared to its official quota of 18.6 million barrels.

Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and probably Kuwait are all producing more than their agreed quotas as they fight to win an increased share of a contracting market.

Stockpiling in Japan has kept demand up in the past week, but the Opec pricing committee will be told that projected demand in the coming weeks will be lower, unless there is an early cold spell in Northern Europe.

The committee could call an emergency meting of the full ministerial council but, with a meeting scheduled for November and no indication that any new strategies will be worked out this weekend, such an meeting is unlikely.

More suitors emerge for GT Management

By Wolfgang Münchau

Speculation mounted yesterday that six more potential bidders, including four overseas institutions, had emerged for GT Management, the troubled international fund management group.

GT, whose share price rose by 10p to 158p during the week, became the focus of bid speculation following reports that Tyndall Holdings, the British financial services group, was prepared to pay £100 million for the company. It is now understood that during the week *GT* and Tyndall held talks that may lead to a formal offer, but this is unlikely to occur within the next two weeks.

Further confusion was added yesterday by speculation that GT may launch a counterbid for Tyndall, although industry specialists regard this as unlikely. GT is also said to have been in discussions with a US investment bank, a Japanese financial services firm and a European bank.

Analysts have been predicting further foreign representation in the unit trust industry, which has suffered severely from last October's market crash.

Recently, Dresdner Bank, West Germany's second largest, took a 70 per cent stake in Thornton & Co, a GT offshoot headed by Mr Richard Thornton, who at one stage was also mentioned as a possible bidder for GT.

However, Thornton has now been ruled out, as have *British & Commonwealth* and Henderson, the financial services groups.

It is understood that Tyndall remains the most likely British suitor, as Tyndall is believed to be particularly keen on GT's UK fund. But Tyndall's £211 million right issue last year has been judged a disaster by industry analysts.

Mr Richard Furlong, of Alexander Laing & Cruickshank, the brokers, said yesterday that market reaction would be fierce if Tyndall, which is much smaller than GT, went ahead with a bid. "There is a massive chance that Tyndall's shares would be leaden for some months, if not years," he said.

Mr Furlong added that although he believes Tyndall will not, or at least should not, launch a bid for the company, the chances of GT remaining independent were slim. *It is* believed that the main attractions of GT are its cheap share price, £30 million cash mountain and international network.

Minorco aims to lay UK foundation for a dynasty

ConsGold bid carries hallmark of the Oppenheimer vision

By Colin Campbell

There is an *apocryphal* story that one bright trainee at the Anglo American minerals giant drew up a chart showing all Anglo's tangled interests and cross-holdings in clear-cut box form and took it to the then chairman Mr Harry Oppenheimer.

"Look Sir. I have drawn this up so everybody can have a *clear understanding of who* we are and what we own."

Mr Oppenheimer looked at the chart and said: "How very interesting. Now tear it up. And don't you ever do that again."

True or not, it nicely illustrates the point that only a chosen few hold the key to whatever makes the Oppenheimer corporate *mind* tick, and only a handful ever fully appreciate the Oppenheimer/Anglo vision.

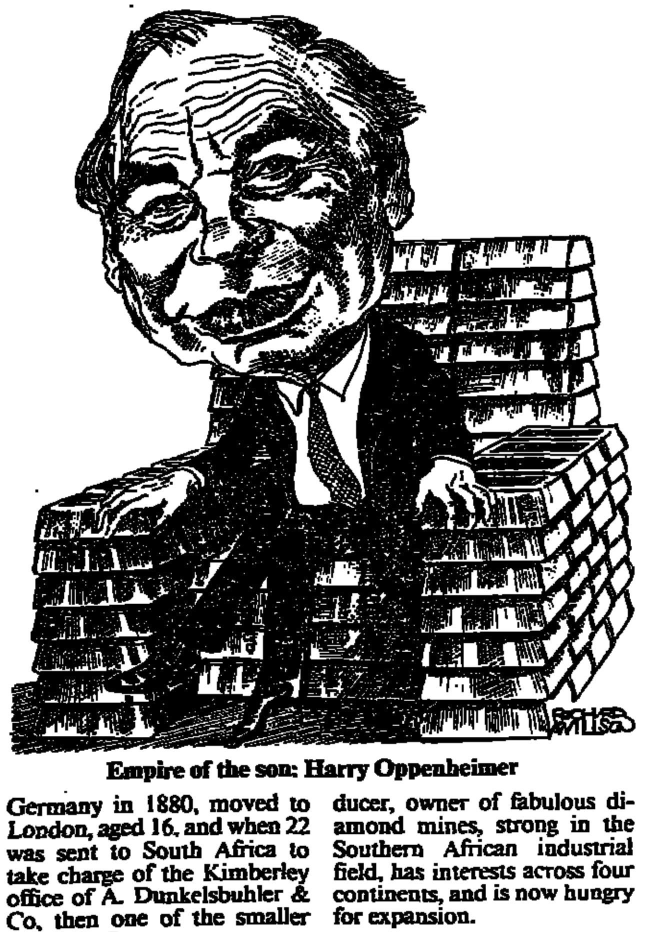
That vision was first conceived in the early 1900s and was given birth 71 years ago tomorrow when Anglo American Corporation was established by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer.

The vision was simple, ambitious, bold and far-reaching: to start an empire, build it, make it impregnable and defend it, and use its gathering strength and momentum to take on the corporate world.

This week's £2.9 billion share and cash bid for Britain's Consolidated Gold Fields group by Minorco, the overseas investment arm of the Anglo American-De Beers group in which the two interrelated gold and diamond groups have 60 per cent *control, has all the* hall-marks of that Oppenheimer vision.

It is undoubtedly a corporate move, through which Minorco hopes to unlock its own and *ConsGold*'s treasure chests and take centre-stage of the natural resources world with assets of $5 billion, of which *the* founder would have approved.

Mergers and corporate deals are in the Oppenheimer and Anglo veins, and the lifeblood which runs through the empire. Sir Ernest was born in



Empire of the son: Harry Oppenheimer

Germany in 1880, moved to London, aged 16, and when 22 was sent to South Africa to take charge of the Kimberley office of A. Dunkelsbuhler & Co, then one of the smaller diamond firms.

Sir Ernest became mayor of Kimberley, birthplace of the world's diamond mines, and one of his earlier actions was to amalgamate the adjoining municipalities of Kimberley and Beaconsfield. The merger itch is as evident today as it was then.

From an initial *capital base* of £1 million (1917 values), half of which came from England and South Africa, and the other half from America, *Anglo American* has grown into one of the world's largest and most powerful mining and financial groups.

It is the largest gold producer, owner of fabulous diamond mines, strong in the Southern African industrial field, has interests across four continents, and is now hungry for expansion.

In its time, Anglo American has merged gold mining companies, industrial interests, and taken stragetic holdings in operations across the world.

With extensive financial muscle behind it, the empire is poised to move again. This time Minorco is the chosen child for expan*sion, and Sir Michael* Edwardes the chosen stepfather.

> **"What my father called intuition was really an ability to make up his mind quickly about the probabilities of a case and to act unhesitatingly on his judgement. He liked to say: 'If the wise man thinks too long, the fool does some thinking too.'" — Mr Harry Oppenheimer: September 25, 1967.**

Mr Harry Oppenheimer turns 80 on October 28, and *although he retired from the* Anglo board in 1982 (he remains on De Beers' board) his personal influence and his father's vision still pervades.

Mr Oppenheimer no longer sits on the Anglo chairman's throne but he has an office in the Anglo-De Beers Johannesburg buildings, his own parking place, and heads are still inclined when he walks along the *corridors.*

His retirement from Anglo American was no ordinary handshake and gold watch for faithful service affair. *His* counsel is still sought, and with the "family" controlling a good 8 per cent of the empire he remains ever interested in Anglo affairs.

Like an Olympic torch, lit *by Sir Ernest in 1917, the* Anglo flame is carried by faithful and trusted runners throughout the world to be handed on at the right time to the next.

Though the Anglo mantle presently rests on other shoulders — Julian Ogilvie Thompson runs De Beers, Gavin Relly runs Anglo American — *there is* an Oppenheimer son (Nicholas) in the wings, who in turn has a son, to ensure that the dynasty goes on.

In the personal sense, this week's Minorco bid is seen as establishing a new foundation in Britain for the Oppenheimer dynasty, even though South Africa will remain the empire's spiritual home. On the assumption that Mincoro wins ConsGold, the group will be able to eye fresh investment situations across the world.

Seasoned followers of the Anglo empire are hard pressed to *recall* when Anglo American was ever frustrated or defeated in its grand designs. A near case was the 1970s purchase of the Schlesinger insurance/banking group in Johannesburg, though as was said at the time: like life assurance, Schlesinger was sold — not bought.

It is, however, common *cause that Minorco's bid* for ConsGold has many political hurdles to clear, and many investment ditches to jump if this week's record breaking *bid is not to turn into a bad* dream. Should Minorco fail, Anglo mandarins will have to go back to the Sir Ernest oracle to light his torch afresh.

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STOCK MARKET

Hopes of US bid lift Allied-Lyons

Growing bid hopes added almost £250 million to the stock market value of Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, yesterday — taking it to £3.3 billion — as the share price surged 30p to a new high of 350p.

Some dealers are dreaming of a bid for Allied — whose brand names include Ind Coope beer and Tetley Tea — from Anheuser-Busch, the world's biggest brewer.

Davy Corporation held *steady at 146p — 5p below its year's high.* The company has been the subject of constant bid speculation. This time there is talk that rival FKI Babcock has asked its financial advisers to have a look at Davy. US group Enserch made an abortive bid back in 1980.

Others are claiming that Elders IXL, the Australian brewery headed by Mr John Elliott and famous for its Foster's lager, has started to build up a holding. He already owns sizeable stakes in other brewers — Scottish & Newcastle (10 per cent) and *Greene King (14 per cent).*

There was also speculation about the stake held by Bond Corporation, *Mr Alan Bond's* rival Australian brewery. Whispers in the market-place claim that it has been adding *to its 7 per cent holding.*

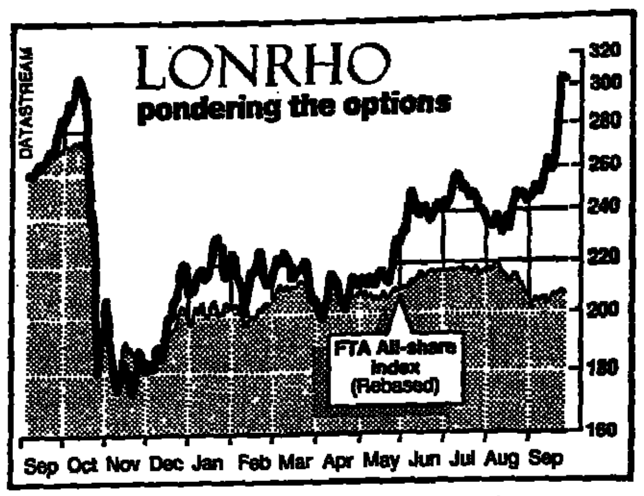
Bond Corporation already sells its Swan and Castlemaine XXXX brands through Allied's *public houses* and there are reports that Mr Bond wants a bigger say in how the business is run.

Mr Bond has built up his holding in Allied through Merrill Lynch, the New York *broker. But there has been* little evidence that Merrill has been active in the stock this week. *Suggestions that he had* sold it on to another potential bidder were quickly discounted. *Mr Bond has issued* convertible stock to finance his holding in Allied.

However, the Allied share price has come up from the 400p level this week and, by the close of business *last night,* a hefty 23 million shares had been traded.

Mr Victor McColl, a drinks *specialist* at Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, says this latest flurry in the share *price* has all the hallmarks of a bear squeeze. Mr McColl said: "There has been a buyer. But he has *moved into a market* short of stock."

There were reports in the American Press this week that *Mr Bond is determined to* become the world's biggest brewer. Dealers believe that a bid for *Allied would take him* a step nearer in achieving that goal.



The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre day with investors watching from the sidelines. Few of them want to commit themselves and open new positions ahead of Tuesday's all-important trade figures.

Turnover remained at a low ebb with most of the activity centred *on special situations.*

At 3 pm, the FT-SE 100 index was 0.9 down at 1,787.8, having been 6 points lower at its worst. By contrast, the narrower FT index of 30 shares was 1.0 up at 1,441.1.

Government securities sported gains ranging to £¼ at the longer end, cheered by a 25 *per cent fall in the demand for* mortgages during August.

London International Group, which *makes Durex,* shrugged off recent weakness, climbing 6p to 206p and helped by a bullish circular from Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, which claims that recent selling has been over*done.* Morgan Grenfell, a rival broker, has put a break-up value of 400p on the shares.

Last week, the company gave a warning that sales of contraceptives had started to slow down and that profits for the first half of the current year would fail to match those of the corresponding period last time. The news saw the share price hit a low of 195p.

One of the biggest gains of the day was seen in **Lonrho**, the international trading group headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland whose interests stretch from *The Observer* newspaper to Whyte & Mackay's Scotch whisky. The *shares surged a further 41p to* 345p as more than 20 million changed hands. That brings the rise *on the week* to 81p and added almost £364 million to the group's stock market value, taking it to £1.54 billion.

This week, the group confirmed recent stock market *whispers about a build-up in* the shares and revealed that Mr Asher Edelman, a New York arbitraguer, *holds a near* 4 per cent stake in the company. This has raised market hopes that a full bid for Lonrho may be on the way.

According to news agency reports, Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Lonrho, said that Mr Rowland and the rest of the board might consider buying the group. A management buyout was *just one of the* options being considered.

Mr Spicer said: "If shareholders want us to break the company up and release £6 a *share the best team in the* world for selling the assets is the Lonrho board."

Consolidated Gold Fields fell a further 57p to £12.88 — on continuing fears of a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers *Commission* following this week's £2.9 billion bid from Minorco, the South African group — after briefly touching a high of £14.00 on the news of the bid. However, the price has still ended 238p up on the week and followers of the stock believe there is still a lot to play for.

T *Cowie, the motor* distributor, has been firm this week climbing from 112p to 122p. The group is said to be on the look-out for a sizeable buy, and has a 9.9 per cent stake in Trimoco. But *dealers claim the excitement in the shares suggests it may find itself on the receiving end of a bid.*

Michael Clark

WALL STREET

Dow dips 4 points in early dealings

New York (Reuter) — Shares *fell in early trading yesterday* with the Dow Jones industrial average down by 4 points to 2,076.01. Declining issues outnumbered *rising ones by two* to one. Mr Larry Wachtel of Prudential Bache said that the higher-than-expected durable goods orders weighed on shares to the extent than it depressed bond prices.

On Thursday, the Dow average closed *10.49 lower* at 2,080.01.

● **Sydney** — At the close of floor trading the All-Ordinaries Index rose 9.7 points to 1,551.3. The gold marker surged 44.6 points (2.8 per cent) to 1,600.4, the All-Resources Index *10.0 to* 788.0 and the All-Industrials 8.5 to 2,570.5.

Stocks closed *higher as local* and *overseas* buying returned to the national share market in renewed positive trading. Nat*ional turnover* was 92.03 million shares, worth Aus$145.61 million (£68.36 million).

● **Frankfurt** — The 30-share DAX index closed 1.10 points or *0.1 per cent lower* at 1,252.58. On Wednesday, it peaked at a 1988 high of 1,261.87.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange was closed yesterday for a holiday

Shares closed mixed at about Thursday's levels in moderately active trade, hauled up from early lows by lively foreign investors' interest in Volkswagen.

● **Hong Kong** — The *Hang Seng Index* closed 1.46 off at 2,454.38 and the broader-based Hong Kong Index eased *1.58 to 1,616.59. Prices* finished almost unchanged after firming marginally in the afternoon on positive results from a major property developer, brokers said.

	Sep 22	Sep 21		Sep 22	Sep 21		Sep 22	Sep 21
AMR Cp	45%	46%	Fedders	9%	9%	Pennzoil	73%	74%
ASA	36%	36%	Fst Chicago	33¼	34%	Pepsico	38¼	38¾
Aetna Life	51½	52¼	Fst Int Bncp	48½	51	Pfizer	55	55
Allied Signal	34%	34¼	Fst Penn C	12%	12¼	Phelps Dod	39¼	39%
Allis Chlm	%	%	FT Wachva	39%	39½	Philip Mor	96%	96¾
Alcoa	50¼	50%	Ford Motor	49%	50	Philip Ptrl	18%	19¼
Amax Inc	19½	19%	GAF Cp	48%	48%	Pillsbury	37½	38%
AMR Hess	27%	27%	GTE Cp	42½	42	Polaroid	38½	39
Am Brands	50%	50½	Gen Cp	20¼	20%	Primerica	28%	28%
Am Cynmd	48%	48%	Gn Dynam	50%	50¼	Proct Gble	78¾	78%
Am Ele Pwr	27%	27%	Gen Electric	42%	43	Pub SE Gr	23½	23%
Amexs	27%	27%	Gen Inst	27%	27	R Nabisco	54¼	54¼
Am Family	13%	13¼	Gen Mills	50%	50%	Raytheon	69%	70
Am Home	79¾	79½	Gen Motors	72%	73¼	Rynlds Metl	49%	49%
Am Int Grp	64%	64%	Gen Pub Ut	34½	34¼	Rockwell Int	21¼	21%
Am Telph	26%	26½	Genesco	5¼	5%	Royal Dutch	105¾	106%
Amoco Cp	74	75	Georgia Pac	36¼	36½	SFE Sopac	19%	19%
Anheuser B	31¼	31¼	Gillette	33¼	33½	Sara Lee	43	43¼
Arch Dan	19%	19½	Goodrich	54¼	56	Schlumb	33%	33%
Armco Steel	10%	10	Goodyear	57	57½	Scott Paper	36	36%
Asarco Inc	23½	23%	Gould Inc	22¼	22%	Seagram	54%	55
Ashland Oil	33%	33¾	Grace Co	25%	25%	Sears Roeb	37%	37%
Atl Richfld	78½	79%	Grt Atl Pac	44	44	Sec Pac	39%	39¾
Avon Prod	24%	24%	Greyhnd	35	35%	Shell Trans	67%	68%
Bk Boston	26¼	26½	Gruman	21%	21¼	Smith Beck	49	49%
Bank NY	35½	35	Gulf Westn	38¼	39	Sony Cp	49½	51
Bankamer	16%	16	Heinz	44%	45¼	SW Bell	38%	39½
Bkrs Tst NY	40½	40%	Hercules	46½	45%	Squibb	67	67
Baxter	19%	20%	Hewlett Pk	48½	48%	Sun Comp	57%	57%
Beth Steel	21%	21%	Honeywell	60%	59½	TDK	67	69
Boeing	60%	60%	IC Ind	35½	36	TRW Inc	43%	43¾
Boise Casc	42%	42¼	ITT Cp	48%	48¼	Teledyne	328	329¼
Borden	54½	54	INCO	27%	27¼	Tenneco	47½	47½
Bristl Meyr	43¾	43¼	Ing Rand Wi	36	35¼	Texaco	45¾	45%
BP	50¼	50%	Inland Steel	37%	38%	Tex Eastn	25½	25%
Brunswick	20%	20	IBM	112	113¼	Texas Inst	41¼	40½
Burl Nth	69%	69½	Int Paper	45%	45%	Tex Util	28½	28%
CBS	169%	69%	Irving Bk	67¼	67¼	Textron	24%	25
Cms Engy	22%	22%	Jhsn & Jhsn	84%	85%	Travelers	34%	34%
CPC Int	50%	51¼	K Mart	37%	38	UAL Cp	93%	94¾
CSX Cp	30¼	30¼	Kaisertech	18¼	18¼	USG Cp	7%	7%
Camp Soup	30%	30½	Kerr McGee	37¼	38	USX Cp	27¼	27%
Can Pacific	17%	17%	Kimbrly Clrk	57¼	57%	Unilever Plc	31½	31¼
Caterpillar	56%	56½	Kraft	58¼	58	Un Carbide	22¾	22%
Centrl SW	30%	30%	Kroger	56½	55¼	Un Pac Cp	58¼	59¼
Champion	33	33%	LTV Cp	2%	2%	Unisys Cp	32	32%
Chase Man	30%	30½	Litton	72½	73½	Unit Brand	17%	17¼
Chem Bank	32%	33	Lockheed	39½	39¼	Us West	56	56
Chevron	44	44%	Lone Star	32	31½	Utd Tech	39¼	38%
Chrysler	23	23	Man H'nver	30½	30%	Unocal	36%	37¼
Citicorp	26%	26%	Manville	2	2	Warn Lamb	76¼	75¾
Clark Eq	29	29½	Mapco	54	54%	Wells Far	66%	66%
Coca Cola	42½	43	Marriott	30¼	29%	Westg El	53¼	52¾
Colgate	43½	44	Mt Marrieta	40%	40%	Weyerhr	24½	24%
Columb Gas	34	34%	Masco Cp	25½	25¼	Whirlpool	25%	25%
Cmb'tn Eng	32½	32%	Mcdonalds	46%	46%	Woolworth	52½	53%
Cmwlth Edi	30%	30¼	McDonnell	65¾	65	Xerox Cp	54%	54¾
Cons Edis	43¾	43%	Mead Cp	45	43%	Zenith	20¼	20½
Consol Ng	38	37¾	Merck	57%	58%			
Cont Data	22¼	22%	Mnsta Mng	64	64	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	58%	58¼	Mobil	43%	43%			
Crane	30%	31¼	Monsanto	77%	76¼	Agnco Eag	12%	13
Curtiss W	n.a	49	Montedison	13%	n.a	Alcan Alum	35¾	35¾
Data Genl	19%	19¼	Morgan Jp	38½	38%	Algoma Stl	25.37	25.37
Deere Co	45	45%	Motorola	44	43½	Can Pacific	21¼	21¼
Delta Airl	48¼	48%	NCR	57%	58½	Cominco	18¼	18%
Detroit Edi	14%	14½	NL Indstrs	6½	6%	Con Bathrst	14¼	14%
Digital Eq	92%	92%	Nat Md Ent	21%	21%	Hawk S Can	21%	21%
Disney	63¾	63¼	Nat Semi	9	8%	Hud Bay M	18%	18%
Dow Chem	88	87%	Norfolk Sth	28%	28%	Imasco	25%	25%
Dresser Ind	29	29¼	NW Bancrp	33½	34%	Imperial Oil	51	50%
Dupont	80%	81	Occid Petl	25½	25%	Inco	33	33%
Duke Pwr	44¼	44%	Ogden Cp	29¼	29%	Royl Trstco	16	15%
East Kodak	44%	44%	Olin Cp	46%	47	Seagram	66%	67%
Eaton Cp	51%	52	PPG Ind	43¾	43¾	Shelco 'A'	42%	41%
Emerson El	29%	29%	Pac Enterp	45%	45%	Thmsn N 'A'	28%	28%
Emery Air	5%	5%	Pac Gas El	17	17	Varity Cp	3.45	3.45
Exxon	44½	45	Pan Am	2¼	2%	WCT	16½	16%
Farah Inc	9%	9%	Penney JC	49¼	49¼	Weston	33%	33%

Finnish machine firm set to seek London market listing

By Colin Narbrough

Valmet, the leading manufacturer of paper-making machines, seems likely to seek early stock market listings in London and Frankfurt, despite its disappointing public offering earlier this month in *Finland, its home market.*

The share issue, the first by a Finnish state corporation, represented some *20* per cent of the share capital and raised FMk780 million (£110 million). But demand was lower than expected, and a fifth of the issue was left with the underwriting banks.

Undaunted, the Helsinki conglomerate, which has activities including aircraft, automation and Saab cars, has obtained government permission to seek foreign listings by next summer.

With a large capital investment and research and development *requirement, it also* can go to overseas markets separately through Valmet Paper Machinery, its subsidiary.

This unit, 65 per cent owned by the parent company, accounted for FMk1.4 billion of Valmet's FMk2.5 billion sales in the first four *months of this* year.

In the same period last year, paper machinery sales reached only FMk332 million, and group sales FMk1.4 billion. In the 1987 full-year, net income rose nearly 128 per cent, to *FMk329million. Earnings per* share were FMk61.25.

Mr Leo Allo, senior vice-president, said Valmet's confidence in the future for paper machinery rested on the firm prospects for paper demand.

In the long-term, this was about 2 per cent annually, but *some grades* showed annual gross rates of 10 to 15 per cent, he said.

"We're not scared one bit by talk of the paperless office," Mr Allo said.

Valmet won the machine *orders for phases one and two* of United Paper Mill's works in Shotton, north Wales, and captured the lion's share of the machinery order for the Caledonian mill at Irvine, Ayrshire.

But the number of machines likely to be ordered worldwide this year is only about 60, compared with almost three times as many in 1970.

The number of leading manufacturers of such machines has diminished from about 10 to the current "big three" — Valmet, Beloit of the US and Voigt of West Germany.

Pacific Dunlop to purchase parts company for £120m

By Our City Staff

Pacific Dunlop, the diversified manufacturer, has agreed to buy the Repco motor parts and distribution business from Ariadne Australia for Aus$256 million (£120 million).

Mr Philip Brass, the Pacific Dunlop managing director, said his company would fund the purchase from cash, and would see profits from the investment within 12 months.

Repco had annual turnover of about Aus$450 million and pre-tax profits of about Aus$30 million. The purchase *price represented a p/e ratio of* about 13.

Ariadne said it sold Repco for Aus$256 million cash, Aus$105 million in assets and Aus$151 million for goodwill.

The Repco purchase involves Repco's *motor parts* distribution and cycle businesses. *Repco has 232 motor* parts branches and 110 brake and clutch outlets in Australia.

Ariadne acquired Repco in 1986 for a net cost of Aus$345 million, delisted it and sold off most of its Australian and New *Zealand manufacturing* divisions. Repco was a core division of Ariadne, which has *been conducting a series of* asset sales since reporting a Aus$503.78 million net loss for the six months to end-December.

Mr Brass said Ariadne approached him, seeking to sell *Repco.*

He had intimated that Ariadne had been unwilling to deal directly on the Repco buy. They had forced Pacific Dunlop to enter an agreement with EIE Development, *whereby* EIE was bidding more than Aus$500 million *for another Ariadne asset and* Repco, with an understanding EIE would pass Repco to Pacific *Dunlop.*

Following that statement, Ariadne called Mr Brass the morning after. "It came like a *bolt from the blue,"* he said.

Pacific Dunlop had more than Aus$400 million cash on hand when it this week reported a 32 per cent rise in net profit to Aus$185.86 million on *sales of Aus$3.64 billion.* Repco fits its existing battery and tyre businesses.

Mr Brass said the addition *of Repco would expand* Pacific Dunlop's electrical and motor distribution business to annual sales exceeding Aus$1 billion. *The* Repco cycle business would join sporting goods brands, such as Adidas and *Slazenger, in the* consumer products division.

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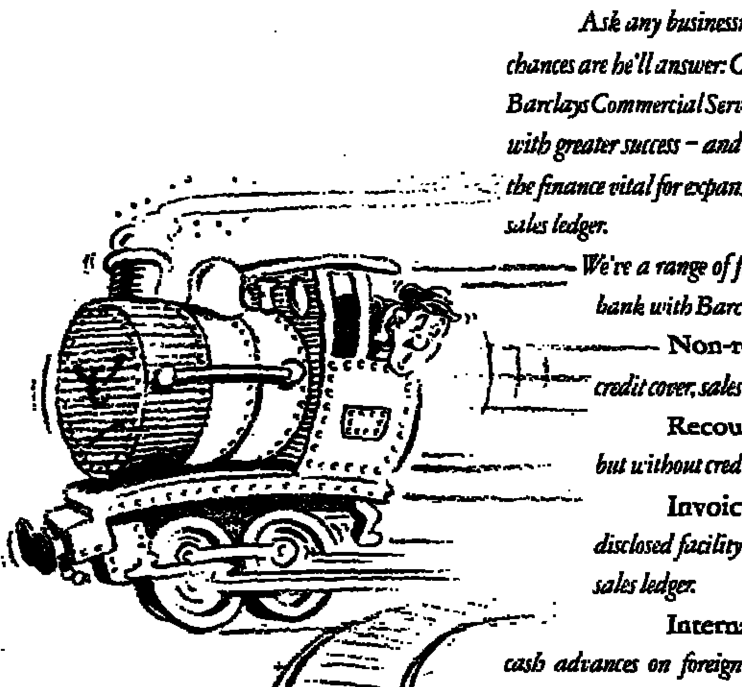

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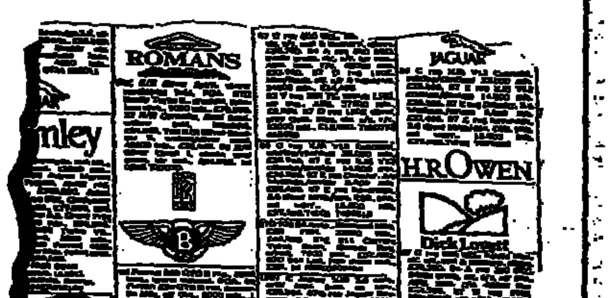

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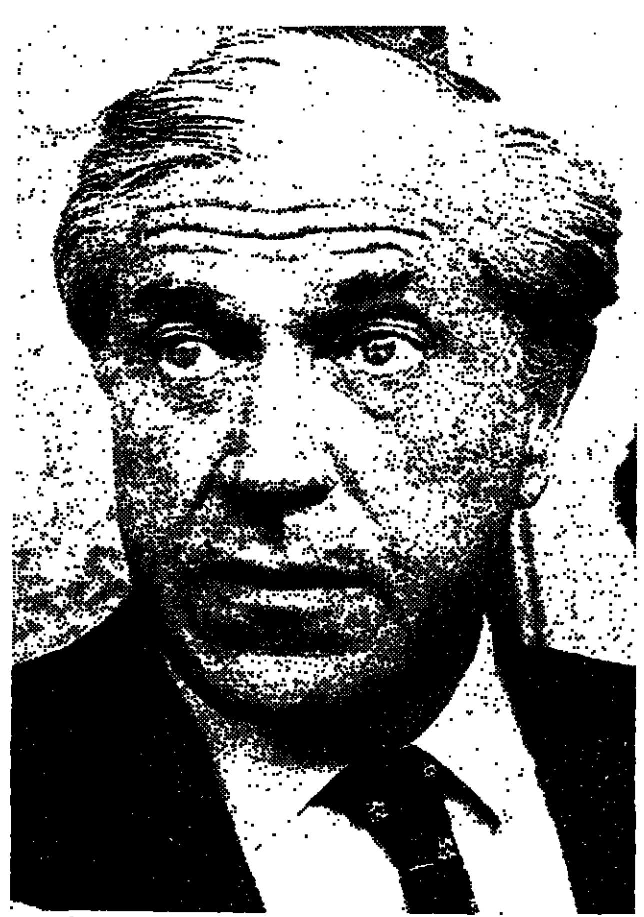
Mystery man comes out of shadows to tackle Rowland

Corporate raider Asher Edelman, whose dealing in Lonrho was frozen in the High Court this week, talks to **David Brewerton**



Fighting mood: "Tiny" Rowland ready for a hard campaign

The name of Asher B Edelman was not widely known when the combined forces of Lonrho's Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, a Swiss bank called Hentsch et Cie, and the threat of High Court action combined to put him on the front pages of British newspaper business sections this week.

But it is a name which is set to become increasingly familiar. Those who cross the path of "Tiny" are likely to find their names and reputations a matter for common debate.

Mr Edelman had no wish to emerge from the shadows at this stage. It was not his idea to disclose his shareholding, still then below 3.8 per cent. And it was certainly not his idea to wind up with his shares frozen anyway, as happened in the High Court on Thursday.

"Tiny" is clearly making a fight of it, and Mr Edelman better prepare himself for a long campaign, or be ready to sell out.

Mr Edelman, regarded as a relatively successful arbitrageur who came through the crash in good shape, confesses he has not met "Tiny", but, of course, knows him by reputation. This might be rectified soon.

Mr Edelman said that, "without disclosing too many plans, I think you might find me in London from time to time in the near future."

Mr Edelman, aged 48, has worked in Europe but his battleground has been corporate America, where he has been involved in corporate actions against, and with, a string of companies.

He has made offers for 20, he says, and acquired five. That does not mean the other 15 were failures — rather the reverse. What frequently suits all the corporate raiders is to light the gas, stir the pot, and then let somebody else do the taking over.

"In many instances, there have been others willing to pay more than I have. In most cases, I have bid very substantially more than the market price and more than I have paid."

Mr Edelman claimed he set out to acquire companies, not merely push them into action. He moves in when he sees a gap between the price and "what I perceive to be the value."

Just what he perceives to be Lonrho's value he will not say, but analysts such as Mr Paul Beaufrere, of James Capel, reckon Lonrho's break-up value could be about 500p, whereas Mr Edelman paid less than 300p.

The self-confessed raider insists that the disclosure of his stake, by Lonrho rather than by himself, "implies I might be trying to do something" which he might not be contemplating.

He points out that, in most cases where he has become involved, he has made outright offers to purchase companies, setting up the finance and paying the fees.

There are some companies where he has retained his investment for many years, but on other occasions, "when they've restructured, I've gone away after they have realized values for their stockholders."

Mr Edelman, according to Wall Street gossip, is probably good for $500 million of equity investment and twice that on a couple of phone calls. He appears to outsiders to be capable of putting up about $4 billion, in equity and debt, to finance a deal.

He says he has never resorted to "greenmail" — where certain shareholders are paid by the company to get them off its back. In fact, he says: "In my past, I have spent a lot of my time fighting against it, and turning it down. I have never taken it. With me, it is a moral issue."

He seems to blame, however, not the greenmailers but managements which give in to them. In an address to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, in February, he claimed company managements were sheltering behind the Boesky affair to hide their own lack of ethics. And a major theme of his paper was the use of shareholders' funds to keep management entrenched in position to enjoy their perks.

Whether he regards Lonrho's quick resort to law this week as just such a use of shareholders' funds we can only speculate. But he did show a sense of humour in a statement after Lonrho's second court move, when he said it was "not necessary for them (Lonrho management) to take their third largest shareholder to court every day."

If he is to do battle with "Tiny", Mr Edelman will need all the humour he can muster.

Touch of a takeover master could tame the market bears

KENNETH FLEET

There is a feeling — tentative but credible and growing — that the equity market is near to turning. I am sure the current mood, though fragile, is strong enough to sustain an extended rally. Whether the curtain is about to come down on the bear market is less certain. The arguments nevertheless are well worth examining.

The market is weighed down by four main concerns. 1. The outcome of the American presidential election in November. 2. The UK balance of payments deficit and rising inflation. 3. The disorganized and demoralized state of the securities industry which is desperate for more stock market business to restore its own confidence and a measure of profitability. (The risk that a broker or market-maker with whom you deal may not be around next week or next month is a deterrent the market could well do without). 4. The determination of investing institutions to avoid the risk of getting the market wrong, as they did in monumental fashion in the heady months leading up to the 1987 October crash.

Sooner or later their cash will burn a hole. Meanwhile with base rates set at 12 per cent they are receiving excellent returns on their money which in a superior way they regard as a proper reward for their prudence.

They probably also feel that the market, when it does turn, is unlikely initially to roar away so fast that their absence at the start of the next bull market would seriously embarrass them. On that point they might be wrong.

The focal point is the interest rate. The Chancellor has sensibly sought to prepare the market for another set, next week, and probably a series, of "bad" balance of payments figures. These are now built into the City's expectations and should not cause alarm and despondency as they are published.

The key issues are whether high interest rates alone are enough to curb domestic demand and bring the balance of payments deficit and the rate of inflation back within bounds; and if they are enough, whether 12 per cent base rates is adequate to the task. Shall we see 13 per cent or even 14 per cent before the year is out?

For the moment the money and gilt-edged markets are fairly relaxed. On the international stage no initiatives will be taken before the US presidential election, while at home I detect a steely resolve on Nigel Lawson's part to hold base rates at 12 per cent.

They will probably have to stay at 12 per cent for six months or more, but unless a falling pound forces his hand I do not believe he will raise them.

In the short run steady rates will help the £2 billion-£2.5 billion November sale of British Steel — not an unimportant consideration for the privatization programme, government revenues and the state of the stock market.

The Steel issue is complex and would obviously be assisted by steady interest rates and a more cheerful market. You cannot cross palms with ingots. Even if half the stock is offered for tender overseas (à la the ill-fated British Petroleum issue) and the target is institutions rather than individual investors, the marketeers and salesmen who begin their campaign next week face a stiff job.

A generous dividend yield will have to be part of the package because of the cyclical nature of the steel industry (and public memories of horrendous losses).

If there is no irrestible pressure for higher bank base rates and Steel is a success investors will look more closely at the values available in the equity market. After all, a prospective price/earnings ratio of nine is not a bad place to start chancing your arm.

There are however two other factors to bear in mind — takeover activity and the newly elected American president.

The conventional view is that President Bush will reassure world markets whereas President Dukakis will cause them anxiety. In the immediate aftermath of the election this may well be true.

The second factor is mergers and acquisitions which have kept the wolf from the door of merchant banks active in corporate finance, and stockbrokers and market-makers in pocket money.

What would give the market a powerful shot in the arm is a mega-bid by one of the takeover masters. This week's bid by Minorco for Consolidated GoldFields — though huge in amount (£2.9 billion) — does not fall in that category. To have the necessary impact the bid needs to come from Lord Hanson, Sir Owen Green or perhaps Sir James Goldsmith who seems to be in a more bullish frame of mind.

Charting a path to confidence

The technical analysts studying their charts are still more bearish than the fundamentalists. The chartist approach I favour is one that is not totally blind to fundamentals.

Robin Griffiths, of James Capel, the broker, is a chartist who allows his judgements to be coloured in this entirely proper way. He has his own "quantum theory" which says that absolute moves in market indices are not the result of random movements in share prices, they are the product of mass psychology: they are thus big simple numbers like 25 per cent, 33 per cent, 50 per cent, 66 per cent, 100 per cent. Rallies have the same character: a quarter, or a third of a half of the previous falls.

Bear markets, which we are looking at, also have a special shape: they fall, they rally, they complete the rest of their fall, going through their post-crash lows. This shape, however, may be distorted by fundamental factors (Griffiths's "secular trends").

Thus Japan, which clearly has a great deal going for it as a rich and powerful economy, saw a smaller post-crash fall on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and has enjoyed a bigger rally (to a new high in fact) than London and New York where the fundamentals are less favourable.

The pure chartist would argue that London (and New York) has yet to complete its fall to new post-crash lows. Griffiths, who dates the bear market from July last year and not October 19, has a more subtle approach.

Starting from the peak of the post-crash rally (1,893 on the FT-SE index, July 23) he sees the remainder of the bear market falling into five phases.

- The fall after July 23 to about 1,720;
- A recovery to about the July 23 level (the phase the market is now in) in the run-up to the United States presidential election);
- A post-election fall;
- A rally towards the end of the year;
- The final stage of the bear market, coming to an end in February/March next year when markets have had the chance to judge the new President's policies and they take the view that the period of high interest rates is over and the next move in rates is down.

These are the signals for the next bull market to begin.

Fundamentally it is the same story. Stock markets need more than money and cheap stock to make them rise. They need confidence.

Managers ready to spend own time on training

Managers are prepared to spend at least five hours of their own time each week in training provided a recognized system of qualifications is set up.

A survey of managers in the West Midlands, by Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountant, found they want the opportunity to demonstrate skills as well as knowledge, a modular training system, and assessment by employers linked with external validation.

The survey, the first of two funded by the Training Commission, showed nearly 80 per cent would commit more than five hours a week, of their own time, to prepare for national qualifications.

A second survey, by the Council for National Academic Awards, is studying company methods of assessing competence.

It will include accreditation of in-company learning, work-based projects and assessment centres. The study includes research by Ashridge Management College, Hertfordshire.

In addition to interviewing 20 organizations, Ashridge has contacted more than 500 companies, professional bodies and academic institutions to see if, and how, they assess management capability.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Parliament master of its own organization

France v European Parliament
Joined Cases 358/85 and 51/86

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler

Advocate General G. F. Mancini
(Opinion June 21, 1988)
[Judgment September 22]

The decisions adopted by the governments of the member states relating to the provisional seats of the Community institutions did not prevent the Parliament from deciding to hold a plenary session elsewhere than in Strasbourg, provided that such a decision remained exceptional and was justified by objective reasons relating to the good administration of the Parliament.

By its two actions France sought the annulment of the resolution of the European Parliament of October 24, 1985 on the infrastructure necessary for holding meetings in Brussels (OJ No C 343 of December 31, 1985, p84).

The French Government disputed the power of the European Parliament to decide that there should be constructed a meeting chamber with six hundred seats or more in Brussels with a view to holding certain plenary sessions there.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held:

Case 51/86, which was between the same two parties, sought the annulment of the same resolution on the basis of the same arguments as in Case 358/85. It had therefore to be dismissed as inadmissible.

With regard to the French Government's argument that the disputed resolution could not be discussed and voted upon under the urgent procedure laid down in article 48 of the Parliament's internal rules, it was sufficient to find that the Parliament's decision to organize an urgent debate on a draft resolution relating to a given subject related to the internal organization of its work and could not, therefore, be subject to judicial control.

The French Government's principal argument was that neither the *1965* decision of the representatives of the governments of the member states nor the *status quo*, confirmed at Maastricht in 1981, allowed the Parliament to hold sessions in Brussels. The disputed resolution was contrary to the decisions adopted by the governments of the member states under the Treaty which designated Strasbourg as the provisional seat of the Parliament.

It was first of all appropriate to note, as the Court had previously done in its judgment in Case 230/81 *Luxembourg v Parliament* ([1983] ECR 255), that the governments of the member states had not yet discharged their obligation to determine the seat of the institutions in accordance with article 77 of the ECSC Treaty, article 216 of the EEC Treaty and article 189 of the EAEC Treaty.

Nevertheless the governments had at different times taken decisions fixing the provisional places of work of the institutions on the basis of that same power and the decision of April 8, 1965 had been taken on the basis of the power expressly provided for in article 37 of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities.

The governments of the member states, on the basis of that power had designated Strasbourg as the provisional meeting place for plenary sessions of the Parliament.

However, the designation of a provisional meeting place of an institution did not necessarily mean that the members of that institution could never hold meetings elsewhere. It was therefore necessary to examine whether the decisions adopted by the governments of the member states were to be understood as preventing the Parliament from deciding, pursuant to the power of internal organization conferred upon it by article 25 of the EAESC Treaty, article 142 of the EEC Treaty and article 112 of the EAEC Treaty, to hold a plenary session outside Strasbourg.

In that regard it was appropriate to point out that at the time of the relevant government decisions the Parliament had in fact held plenary sessions in Rome, Brussels and above all in Luxembourg. In the latter city the Parliament had even held a significant proportion of its plenary sessions, particularly those of short duration.

It was true that the French Government had protested against the holding of such meetings on several occasions, but its protests were not reflected in the governments' decisions. Those decisions contained no trace of any conclusion upon the practice followed by the Parliament at the time, whether positive or negative, nor of any provision intended to prevent the holding of plenary sessions outside Strasbourg in the future.

It followed from the rule of cooperation in good faith, derived, in particular from article 5 of the Treaty, on the one hand, that the Parliament, in the exercise of its power to determine its own internal organization, was obliged to respect the power of the governments of the member states to determine the seat of the institutions and the provisional decisions taken in the meantime, and on the other hand, that the member states had a duty to have regard to the Parliament's power in that regard and to ensure that such decisions did not impede the due functioning of that institution.

On the basis of those considerations, it could be concluded that decisions of the governments of the member states could not prevent the Parliament, in the exercise of its power to determine its internal organizsation, from deciding to hold a plenary session elsewhere than in Strasbourg, where such a decision remained of an exceptional nature, thereby respecting the position of that city as the normal meeting place, and was justified by objective reasons relating to the good administration of the Parliament.

According to point 1 of the disputed resolution, the Parliament resolved to construct a building which satisfied certain requirements. Among the requirements indicated in the preamble to the resolution was that of organizing a special or additional plenary session during a week devoted essentially to meetings of committees or of groups.

It was only that use of the building that the French Government regarded as contrary to the decisions adopted by the governments of the member states and as exceeding the powers of the Parliament.

The Parliament justified that requirement by the necessity to be able to organize, at short notice, short sessions, in particular in the context of the budgetary procedure and of the cooperation procedure between the Council and Parliament provided for by article 149(2) of the EEC Treaty, as amended by the Single European Act.

Where such brief sessions had to be organized during a week which had been set aside for meetings of committees or of political groups which were normally held in Brussels, the Parliament considered it hardly rational to require its members who were in Brussels for the purpose of those meetings, to travel to Strasbourg for a short plenary session, even supposing that the Strasbourg hemicycle were available during the week in question.

It was to be observed, on the one hand, that the wording of the resolution, using the expression "special or additonal plenary session" emphasized the exceptional nature of the intended use of the facilities in Brussels and, on the other hand, that the requirement indicated in the resolution constituted an objective reason relating to the good administration of the Parliament.

That requirement arose from the *impediments* to the due functioning of the Parliament caused by the absence of a decision on the seat of the institutions which the member states ought to have taken pursuant to the Treaties. The proposed use was therefore within the limits, indicated above, of the powers of the Parliament to determine its own internal organization.

In those circumstances the disputed resolution, in as much as it expressed the wish to organize special or additional sessions in Brussels during weeks which were devoted principally to meetings of parliamentary committees or of political groups, did not go beyond the measures which the Parliament was authorized to adopt in the context of the organization of its work and did not infringe the decisions adopted by the governments of the member states relating to the provisional places of work of the Community institutions, nor did it impinge upon the powers of the member states in that regard.

On those grounds, the European Court

1 Dismissed Case 51/86 as inadmissible.

2 Dismissed Case 358/85 as unfounded.

3 Ordered the French Republic to pay the costs.

Radioactive waste disposal in Community

Saarland and Others v Ministry for Industry, Posts and Telecommunications and Tourism and Others
Case 187/87

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler

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Article 37 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC) required the Commission of the European Communities to be notifed of any plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in sufficient time to enable it to deliver its opinion prior to the adoption of any decision authorizing such disposal.

On February 21, 1986 various joint-ministerial decrees were adopted in France authorizing the disposal of both liquid and gaseous radioactive waste from the four units of the Cattenom nuclear power station in the Moselle *departement* in North-east France.

The applicants, who were various local authorities in Germany and Luxembourg as well as French and Luxembourgish environmental protection groups, challenged those decrees before the tribunal administratif (administrative court) Strasbourg, on the grounds, *inter alia*, that the French Government had infringed article 37 of the EEC Treaty by failing to provide the Commission with general data relating to the disposal of radioactive waste by the Cattenom nuclear power station until April 29, 1986, that is to say after the disputed decrees had been adopted.

The defendants maintained that article 37 of the EAEC Treaty was to be interpreted as requiring the consultation of the Commission prior to the actual disposal of any waste, notwithstanding that such disposal had been authorized prior to informing the Commission.

The tribunal administratif stayed the proceedings and referred a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling on a question of the interpretation of that article which provided: "Each member state shall provide the Commission with such general data relating to any plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form as will make it possible to determine whether the implementation of such plan is liable to result in the radioactive contamination of the water, soil or air space of another member state."

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

Article 37 was to be interpreted in accordance with its position in the scheme of the EAEC Treaty and of its objective.

In that regard, it was important to emphasise that that article formed part of Chapter III of the EAEC Treaty entitled "Health and Safety", whose provisions constituted a systematic body conferring upon the Commission extensive powers for the protection of the population and of the environment against the risks of nuclear contamination.

In the context of the provisions appearing under Chapter III, article 37 was a provision whose purpose was the prevention of possible radioactive contamination, while other provisions, such as article 38, were applicable where there was an imminent risk of contamination or even where contamination had already occurred.

In order to prevent the risk of radioactive contamination it was essential that the Commission's opinion, in particular where it suggested an amendment to the plan or the adoption of safety measures in collaboration between two or more member states, could be studied carefully by the member state concerned, under conditions such that any suggestions made by the Commission might be taken into consideration by that state, even if it were not legally bound to comply with it.

That requirement was in no sense called in question by the emergency procedure provided by article 38 of the Treaty which remained of an exceptional nature and could not exempt member states from scrupulous fulfilment of their obligations under article 37.

It followed that, where a member state made the disposal of radioactive waste subject to authorization, it had to be accepted that, in order to give the Commission's opinion its full effectiveness, it was essential that that opinion be notified to that state prior to the issuing of such authorization.

The Commission's opinion would not have a real chance of careful examination and of influencing the position of the member state concerned unless it were delivered prior to the adoption of a decision definitively authorizing the disposal, which implied, *a fortiori*, that it should have been requested prior to that decision.

Only the interpretation according to which article 37 required the Commission to be provided with general information relating to a proposal for the disposal of radioactive waste prior to definitive authorization of such disposal could enable that article to achieve its aim.

In accordance with well-established case law of the Court preference was to be given to such an interpretation which was of such a nature as to preserve the effectiveness ("*effet utile*") of the provision concerned.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled:

Article 37 of the Treaty of March 25, 1957 establishing the European Atomic Energy Community was to be interpreted as meaning that general data relating to any plan for the disposal of radioactive waste was to be provided to the Commission of the European Communities before such disposal was authorized by the competent authorities of the member state concerned.

French ban on German Edam against Treaty

Ministère Public v Deserbais
Case 286/86

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, O. Due, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins and F. A. Schockweiler

Advocate General Sir Gordon Slynn

(Opinion March 17, 1988)
[Judgment September 22]

The application of national rules, requiring cheese of a particular designation to have a certain minimum fat content, to imported cheeses which had been lawfully manufactured and *distributed* in another member state under the same generic denomination but with a different minimum fat content was incompatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty and the objectives of the Common Market.

Gerard Deserbais, the manager of a dairy products company had been convicted of having imported and distributed in France, under the denomination "Edam", cheese from the Federal Republic of Germany with a fat content of 34.3 per cent, whereas, on the basis of French legislation, that denomination was restricted to a type of cheese with a minimum fat content of 40 per cent. That legislation had been adopted in accordance with the Stresa Convention of June 1, 1951.

Deserbais appealed against that conviction on the ground principally that, since German Edam was legally and traditionally produced and distributed in Germany, the French authorities could not oppose its importation into France provided that adequate information was provided for consumers, nor could the authorities rely upon the provisions of the Stresa Convention in order to avoid the application of Community rules.

The Cour d'Appel (Court of Appeal), Colmar stayed its proceedings and referred a question to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

In the absence of common rules on the distribution of the products concerned, obstacles to the free movement of goods arising from the differences between national rules had to be accepted to the extent to which such national rules, indistinctly applicable to national products and imported products, might be justified as being necessary to satisfy mandatory requirements relating to consumer protection and to the fairness of commercial transactions.

It was apparent from the order for reference that the denomination "Edam" was neither a registered designation of origin nor an indication of origin, terms which referred to a product coming from a specific geographical area. It was merely the trade name of a type of cheese.

Moreover, in the Stresa Convention, the term "Edam" was not included among registered designations of origin but among denominations of cheeses.

In that regard the starting point of the national court was the finding that the cheese in question, with a 34 per cent fat content, had been traditionally and fairly produced and distributed in Germany under the denomination "Edam" in accordance with the rules applicable there, and that appropriate information for consumers was provided by labelling.

At the present stage of development of Community law there were no common rules governing the denominations of different types of cheese in the Community. In those circumstances it could not be denied that, in principle, a member state might establish rules for its national producers which subjected the use of a particular denomination for cheese to the observance of a traditional minimum fat content.

However, it would be incompatible with article 30 of the EEC Treaty and with the objectives of the Common Market to extend the application of such rules to imported cheeses of the same type where they had been lawfully manufactured and distributed in another member state under the same generic denomination but with a different minimum fat content. The importing member state could not obstruct the importation and distribution of such cheeses provided that consumers were properly informed.

The objective of the rules contained in the Codex Alimentarius, established by the Food and Agricultural Organization and the World Health Organization, was to define the characteristics of those products. However, the simple fact that a product did not conform entirely to the rules laid down did not imply that its distribution might be prohibited.

The Stresa Convention had been concluded prior to the entry into force of the EEC Treaty and, among the member states only Denmark, France, Italy and The Netherlands were parties to the Convention.

As the Court had previously held, the purpose of the first paragraph of article 234 of the Treaty was to lay down, in accordance with the principles of international law, that the application of the Treaty did not affect the duty of the member state concerned to respect the rights of non-member countries under an agreement concluded prior to the entry into force of the Treaties and to perform its obligations thereunder.

Consequently, where, as in the present case, the rights of non-member countries were not at issue, a member state could not rely on the provisions of such a prior agreement in order to justify restrictions on distribution of products from another member state, where such distribution was lawful by virtue of the rules on the free movement of goods contained in the Treaty.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

Articles 30 *et seq* of the EEC Treaty prohibited a member state from applying national rules which made the use of a denomination of a type of cheese subject to observing a minimum fat content, to products of the same type imported from another member state, where those products had been lawfully manufactured and distributed under that denomination in that member state and where appropriate information was provided to purchasers.

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American Gth	158.9	166.9	+1.5	0.97
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Capital Res	79.92	80.19	+0.05	3.74
Comm Energy	88.51	94.67c	+0.88	0.00
Euro Capital	73.73	78.43	+0.55	0.96
General	159.5	169.5●	+0.5	2.65
Japan	89.26	95.47c	-0.27	0.00
UK Gth Inc	118.1	125.7c	+1.8	1.82
Do Acc	174.1	185.3c	+2.3	1.24
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Extra Inc	37.20	39.49●	..	4.83
Fund Invest	96.87	102.9	..	1.00
Do Acc	146.8	155.9	..	1.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.16	23.58●	+0.04	10.12
Global Income	35.93	38.23c	+0.23	5.05
Income Growth	64.75	68.89	+0.29	4.35
Japan Gen	161.3	171.6	-0.4	0.01
N Amer Inc	26.44	28.08	..	3.23
Special Sits	62.65	66.65	+0.30	1.31
UK Growth	31.12	33.03	..	2.80
World Gth	39.27	41.68	..	1.15
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	118.8	119.8●	+3.9	1.81
Exempt	385.5	405.3●	-1.4	4.71
Far Eastern	214.1	228.9●	-0.4	0.00
Fin & Prop	76.93	81.49	-0.20	2.60
Hi Yield	76.77	81.33	-0.35	4.65
Income & Gth	302.5	320.4●	-1.3	4.44
Intl Earnings	181.0	191.7c	-0.9	2.90
Inv Gth Inc	87.18	92.84●	-0.27	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	150.7	160.9	-0.7	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	118.4	127.2	+0.3	2.51
Preference Inc	133.6	141.6c	-0.1	8.59
Sml Co Div Inc	92.45	97.94	+0.18	4.49
Sml Co Gth	291.9	309.3●	+0.2	1.55
Spec Sits Inc	127.4	134.9	+0.4	1.55
UK Growth	366.9	388.6	-2.0	3.34
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing 0793 610366				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	42.21	45.15●	+0.42	4.81
Far East	28.10	30.33●	-0.21	0.21
Nth American	27.38	29.25●	+0.28	0.71
Global	43.44	46.21●	+0.12	0.74
European	41.38	44.04●	+0.30	1.30
Japan	83.71	90.13c	-0.51	0.01
Strategic Opp	48.56	51.94	+0.24	1.44
Do Acc	46.45	49.23	..	3.18
Intl Currency	45.75	48.13c	+0.19	6.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-929 6363				
Capital	394.6	421.1c	..	3.22
European S S	49.89	53.26	..	3.05
Far East S S	51.31	54.76	..	0.88
Gold Gen S S	52.01	55.60	..	0.92
Income	341.8	364.5a	..	5.17
Intl Sp Sits	49.05	52.34	..	1.96
Nth Amer	244.0	260.4	..	2.19
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	449.45	●	..	5.00
Fixed Int	140.3		..	10.19
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	417.72	●	..	5.29
Acc	£13.2356		..	
Deposit	100.0		..	10.70
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622				
Man Retmnt	22.43	23.74●	..	
SC Special Sits	65.23	69.03	..	0.39
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	20.19	21.48	+0.07	0.45
Asian Gth	22.28	23.70	-0.04	0.82
Dragon Gth	24.28	25.83	+0.23	1.74
Equity Hi Inc	55.62	58.70●	-0.21	5.21
Do Acc	57.01	60.17●	-0.21	5.21
European Gth	26.02	27.88	+0.05	1.46
Gen Equity	47.11	49.72	-0.15	3.26
G/F Inrst Gth	32.28	33.89	-0.01	7.68
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.32	25.53c	-0.02	9.25
Intl Income Tst	22.52	23.95	+0.06	5.97
Japan Gth	46.05	49.00	-0.27	0.00
Pedigree Gth	27.76	29.53	-0.12	2.52
Special Sits	33.08	35.19●	..	2.21
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9810				
UK & Gen Inc	52.57	55.63	+0.92	2.46
Do Acc	54.77	58.27	+0.96	2.46

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Capital Gth Inc	68.55	73.32	..	3.31
Do Acc	80.78	86.38	..	0.00
Pacific Basin	149.3	159.7●	..	2.72
Do 6% Wthd	69.52	74.46●	..	0.00
Finance/Prop	78.47	83.93●	..	2.95
Fixed & Conv	47.88	51.22	..	7.09
Do Acc	90.02	96.29	..	0.00
Equity Income	99.33	106.2	..	4.20
Do Acc	246.4	263.5	..	0.00
High Yield Inc	104.8	112.1●	..	4.75
Do Acc	307.2	328.5●	..	0.00
Intl Income	79.29	84.81	..	1.45
Do Acc	82.97	88.75	..	0.00
Do 5% Wthd	72.5	78.3	..	1.34

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	427.8	455.1	+1.17	5.13
International	321.7	343.2	+1.98	1.03
Do Acc	404.7	431.7	+2.49	1.03
Pacific	203.4	216.4	+1.28	0.32
Do Acc	211.5	225.0	+1.34	0.32
Nat Resources	60.09	63.91c	-0.22	1.43
Do Acc	63.15	67.18c	-0.23	1.43
Selected Opps	77.11	82.03●	+0.29	2.43
Do Acc	87.99	93.61●	+0.33	2.43
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	64.29	68.65	+0.13	0.86

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

THIRD MARKET

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barratt	78	83	-5	..	..	..
44	15	Amercoeur	12	17	..	..	..	..
85	56	Ancorum Res	55	58	..	2.3	2.7	25.0
105	57	Beckenham	82	87	..	..	..	23.3
230	152	Broadcast	194	202	..	3.2	2.7	33.1
130	85	Carnaby	110	130	..	1.3	1.2	13.1
145	103	Chelsea Art	105	115	..	..	..	..
62	28	Chemex Intl	38	43	..	3.3	3.5	10.7
105	65	Conrac	90	100	..	..	..	18.5
160	120	Crown Eye	138	148	-2	..	..	..
18	7½	Eglinton	7	8½	..	..	..	..
143	77	Far E Res	102	112	+17	..	..	..
90	78	Hinclare	82	87	+2	..	..	28.7
41	20	Honorbilt	28	30	..	2.0	4.3	8.6
58	41	Kemp (PE)	43	48	..	..	..	12.8
65	58	LGW	57	62	..	1.7	1.7	20.0
103	66	Leading Lsr	96	98	● ..	..	..	6.8
65	16	Lynx Tech	15	19	..	..	..	..
147	89	Medirace	110	115	..	..	..	..
38	14	Norton Gp	13½	15½	..	..	..	11.6
50	43	Pennine Optical	41	44	..	..	..	11.0
31	13	Pob Hldgs	17	20	+1	..	..	..
63	51	Rentamaster	60	62	..	6.4	3.1	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	208	213	..	1.3	1.3	..
118	68	Seacon	95	100	● ..	1.4	0.5	37.8
298	200	Takare	263	270	..	3.8	3.5	14.7
135	110	UPL	105	115	..	6.7	3.9	9.7
182	120	Unit Group	165	175	+2	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.2 (day's range 75.0-75.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for September 23

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6650-1.6725	1.6715-1.6725	0.48-0.45pr	1.54-1.49pr
Montrl	2.0288-2.0421	2.0384-2.0421	0.32-0.16pr	0.64-0.48pr
Amstrdm	3.5273-3.5390	3.5362-3.5390	1⅞-1⅝pr	5¾-5½pr
Brussels	65.45-65.86	65.66-65.86	28-18pr	80-69pr
Copnhgn	12.0071-12.0328	12.0206-12.0328	4¾-3⅞pr	12¾-11¾pr
Dublin	1.1662-1.1711	1.1682-1.1692	48-41pr	145-134pr
Frankft	3.1275-3.1359	3.1324-3.1359	1⅞-1⅝pr	5½-5¼pr
Lisbon	257.16-259.15	258.16-259.15	16-57ds	49-142ds
Madrid	207.71-208.81	208.55-208.81	19-4pr	54-31pr
Milan	2337.30-2342.34	2339.26-2342.34	1pr-3ds	6pr-par
Oslo	11.5468-11.5821	11.5701-11.5821	⅝-1¼ds	3-3⅞ds
Paris	10.6510-10.6856	10.6742-10.6856	3⅝-3¼pr	11-10⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.7559-10.7759	10.7661-10.7759	1½-1pr	5-4¾pr
Tokyo	224.26-224.87	224.57-224.87	1¼-1⅛pr	4-3¾pr
Vienna	21.99-22.10	22.06-22.10	11⅝-10⅝pr	35⅝-32⅝pr
Zurich	2.6407-2.6501	2.6468-2.6501	2-1¾pr	5¾-5½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	23.78-23.93
Australia dollar	2.1226-2.1267
Bahrain dinar	0.6260-0.6300
Brazil cruzado*	562.63-565.95
Cyprus pound	0.8100-0.8200
Finland marka	7.4092-7.4221
Greece drachma	253.82-254.82
Hong Kong dollar	13.039-13.051
India rupee	24.21-24.41
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4775-0.4815
Malaysia ringgit	4.4492-4.4536
Mexico peso	3700-3800
New Zealand dollar	2.7102-2.7163
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2275-6.2675
Singapore dollar	3.4049-3.4087
S Africa rand (fin)	6.6178-6.7556
S Africa rand (com)	4.1370-4.1446
U A E dirham	6.0975-6.1375

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4260-1.4275	Denmark	7.1910-7.1960	Italy	1400.0-1401.0
Singapore	2.0395-2.0405	W Germany	1.8750-1.8755	Belgium (Com)	39.30-39.33
Malaysia	2.6650-2.6660	Switzerland	1.5845-1.5855	Hong Kong	7.8115-7.8125
Australia	1.2714-1.2730	Netherlands	2.1145-2.1155	Portugal	154.40-154.90
Canada	1.2200-1.2210	France	6.3800-6.3900	Spain	124.60-124.70
Sweden	6.4450-6.4500	Japan	134.43-134.53	Austria	13.19-13.20
Norway	6.9160-6.9210				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 10⅞ Week fixed: 11
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 11¾ 3 mth — 11¾
Selling: 2 mth — 11⅝ 3 mth — 11⅝
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11^{13}/$_{32}$-11^{5}/$_{16}$
2 mth: 11^{23}/$_{32}$-11⅝ 3 mth: 11^{23}/$_{32}$-11⅝ 6 mth 11^{9}/$_{16}$-^{7}/$_{16}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12^{1}/$_{32}$
2 mth: 12^{11}/$_{32}$ 3 mth: 12^{11}/$_{32}$ 6 mth 12^{3}/$_{16}$
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 11 close 10⅞
1 week: 11⅞-11¾ 1 mth: 11^{11}/$_{16}$-^{9}/$_{16}$ 3 mth: 12⅛-12^{1}/$_{16}$
6 mth: 12¼-12⅛ 9 mth: 12¼-12⅛ 12 mth: 12⅛-12⅛
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11 7 day: 11 1 mth: 11⅝
3 mth: 12 6 mth: 12⅛ 12 mth: 12
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 11⅞-11¾ 2 mth: 12⅛-12⅜ 3 mth: 12⅝-12⅛
6 mth: 12⅝-12⅞ 9 mth: 12⅞-12⅜ 12 mth: 12⅞-12¼
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11⅝-11½
3 mth: 12^{1}/$_{16}$-11⅝ 6 mth: 12⅛-12 12 mth 11⅞-11¾
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.15-8.10
3 mth: 8.20-8.15 6 mth: 8.45-8.40 12 mth 8.70-8.65

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £2,054m allotted: £400m
Bids: £97.1% received: 60%
Last week: £97.095% received: 10%
Avge rate: £11.6039% last wk £11.6348%
Next week: £400m replace £100m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8^{3}/$_{16}$-7^{13}/$_{16}$	8^{3}/$_{16}$-8^{1}/$_{16}$	8^{5}/$_{16}$-8^{3}/$_{16}$	8^{9}/$_{16}$-8^{7}/$_{16}$
Call: 8-7				
Deutschemark:	4^{15}/$_{16}$-^{13}/$_{16}$	4^{15}/$_{16}$-^{13}/$_{16}$	4^{15}/$_{16}$-^{13}/$_{16}$	5¼-5⅛
Call: 4¾-3¾				
French Franc:	7^{9}/$_{16}$-7^{7}/$_{16}$	7⅝-7½	7^{13}/$_{16}$-^{11}/$_{16}$	8⅛-8
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅛	3¾-3⅝	3^{7}/$_{16}$-3^{5}/$_{16}$	3^{13}/$_{16}$-^{11}/$_{16}$
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	6⅞-6¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅜-5	5^{1}/$_{16}$-4^{15}/$_{16}$
Call: 3¼-2¾				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $399.25-399.75 Close: $398.00-398.50
High: $400.75-401.25 Low: $396.75-397.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $410.00-415.00 (£245.50-248.50)
Krugerrand: $397.00-400.00 (£237.50-239.50)
Mapleleaf (/1oz): $410.00-415.00 (£245.50-248.50)
American Eagles: $410.00-415.00 (£245.50-248.50)
New Sovereigns: $93.50-94.50 (£56.00-56.75)
Old Sovereigns: $93.50-94.50 (£56.00-56.75)
Platinum: $496.25 (£297.15)
Palladium: $119.25 (£71.40)
Silver: $6.25-6.27 (£3.740-3.755)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 42404		
Dec 88	87.75	87.87	87.73	87.85	11759
Mar 89	88.32	88.45	88.32	88.44	724
Jun 89	88.70	88.71	88.69	88.72	85
Sep 89	88.90	88.90	88.90	88.97	20
Dec 89	88.90	88.90	88.90	88.97	20
Mar 90	88.90	88.90	88.90	88.97	20
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 27802		
Dec 88	91.34	91.35	91.25	91.26	4043
Mar 89	91.38	91.37	91.29	91.29	382
Jun 89	91.18	91.18	91.09	91.10	168
Sep 89	NT	---	---	90.87	0
Dec 89	NT	---	---	90.67	0
Mar 90	NT	---	---	90.67	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 9717		
Dec 88	87-29	88-00	87-12	87-15	11159
Mar 89	NT	---	---	86-29	
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 27830		
Sep 88	94-05	94-12	94-01	94-11	
Dec 88	94-04	94-23	94-02	94-19	2011
Mar 89	NT	---	---	95-05	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 1479		
Sep 88	177.50	178.35	177.50	178.30	
Dec 88	179.80	180.10	179.40	180.10	
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 475		
Dec 88	101.67	101.75	101.65	101.67	
Mar 89	NT	---	---	100.63	

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
2	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
3	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
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5	Utd Biscuits (aa)	Foods	
6	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
7	Greenall Whitley	Breweries	
8	JS Pathology	Industrials E-K	
9	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
10	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
11	Bejam	Foods	
12	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
13	Vaux Group	Breweries	
14	Leslie Wise Gp	Drapery,Stores	
15	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
16	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
17	RHM (aa)	Foods	
18	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
19	Turnbull Scott	Shipping	
20	Transcontinental	Industrials S-Z	
21	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
22	Hammerson	Property	
23	Dee (aa)	Foods	
24	Turriff	Building,Roads	
25	Brunning	Paper,Print,Adv	
26	RMC Gp (aa)	Building,Roads	
27	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
28	Matthews (Bernard)	Foods	
29	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Pittard Garnar	Shoes, Leather	
31	P & P	Electricals	
32	Carless	Oil,Gas	
33	Woodside	Oil,Gas	
34	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
35	Bryant	Building,Roads	
36	Booker	Foods	
37	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
38	MEPC (aa)	Property	
39	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
40	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
41	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
42	Century	Oil,Gas	
43	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
44	Regalian	Property	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102⅝	99⅝	Treas	11½% 1989	99⅝	..	11.5	11.339
102⅝	98	Treas	10½% 1989	99⅝	..	10.5	11.240
102	98⅝	Exch	10% 1989	99	..	10.0	11.192
104⅛	98⅝	Exch	10¼% 1989	99⅝	..	10.3	10.933
103½	94⅝	Exch	11% 1989	99⅝	●..	11.0	11.140
97¼	92⅞	Treas	5% 1986-89	95⅝	●+⅛	5.2	9.912
101⅝	94	Treas C	9½% 1989	99⅝	●..	9.5	11.312
97⅝	95⅝	Treas	3% 1989	96⅝	..	3.1	8.888
102⅝	95⅝	Treas	8% 1990	97⅝	..	8.2	9.894
107⅞	102⅝	Treas	13% 1990	102⅝	..	12.6	10.403
104⅛	100	Exch	11% 1990	100⅝	..	10.9	10.446
107⅞	102	Exch	12½% 1990	102⅝	..	12.1	10.578
93⅝	90⅝	Treas	3% 1990	90⅝	..	3.30	9.210
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	98⅝	..	8.56	10.838
103⅝	93⅝	Treas	10% 1990	99	●+⅛	10.1	10.579
91⅝	87⅝	Exch	2½% 1990	87⅝	..	2.8	8.822
105⅝	98⅝	Treas C	10% 1991	99⅝	..	10.0	10.355
107⅞	101⅝	Treas	11¾% 1991	102⅝	..	11.4	10.580
95⅛	87⅝	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	90⅝	●..	6.33	9.983
107⅝	95⅝	Exch	11% 1991	101⅝	●..	10.8	10.484
90⅝	88⅝	Treas	3% 1991	88⅝	..	3.4	8.870
96⅝	92⅝	Treas	8% 1991	93⅝	..	8.57	10.497
113⅞	105⅝	Treas	12¾% 1992	106⅝	..	11.9	10.400
104⅝	96⅝	Treas	10% 1992	98⅝	..	10.1	10.388
108⅝	99⅝	Treas	C10½% 1992	100⅝	..	10.4	10.388
86⅝	82⅝	Treas	3% 1992	82⅝	..	3.63	8.584
98⅝	88⅝	Treas	8% 1992	92⅝	●..	8.8	10.412
112⅝	104⅝	Exch	12¼% 1992	105⅝	..	11.5	10.391
117⅞	108⅝	Exch	13½% 1992	108⅝	..	12.2	10.397
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
97⅛	91⅞	Treas	8¾% 1993	92⅝	..	8.89	10.323
105⅞	93⅝	Treas	10% 1993	99	●..	10.0	10.239
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	107⅝	..	11.5	10.320
93	87⅝	Fund	6% 1993	87⅝	..	6.80	9.012
121⅝	112⅝	Treas	13¾% 1993	113	..	12.1	10.398
101⅞	91⅝	Treas	8¼% 1994	92⅝	..	9.1	10.337
92⅝	92⅝	Treas	8½% 1994 a	92⅝	..	..	..
125⅝	115⅝	Treas	14½% 1994	117⅝	..	12.3	10.283
116⅝	107⅝	Exch	12½% 1994	108⅝	..	11.4	10.463
120⅞	105	Exch	13½% 1994	112⅝	●..	11.9	10.441
101⅝	93⅝	Treas	9% 1994	94⅝	..	9.5	10.171
105⅝	98	Treas	10% 1994	99	..	10.0	10.214
114⅝	105⅝	Treas	12% 1995	107	..	11.2	10.417
83⅝	78⅝	Gas	3% 1990-95	81	..	3.70	8.599
106⅝	98⅝	Exch	10¼% 1995	98⅝	..	10.2	10.296
120⅝	111	Treas	12¾% 1995	112⅝	+⅛	11.3	10.305
126⅝	116⅝	Treas	14% 1996	117⅝	+⅛	11.8	10.402
101⅝	93⅝	Treas	9% 1992-96	95	+⅛	9.4	9.990
133⅝	123⅝	Treas	15¼% 1996	125	+⅛	12.1	10.387
123⅝	114	Exch	13¼% 1996	115⅝	+⅛	11.4	10.270
105⅝	97⅝	Conv	10% 1996	98⅝	+⅛	10.1	10.183
124⅝	115	Treas	13¼% 1997	116⅝	+⅛	11.3	10.245
108⅝	97⅝	Exch	10½% 1997	101⅝	+⅛	10.3	10.180
98⅝	91⅝	Treas	8¾% 1997	92⅝	+⅛	9.4	10.006
134⅝	118⅝	Exch	15% 1997	126⅝	●+⅛	11.8	10.392
87⅝	81⅝	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	82⅝	+⅛	8.1	9.577
104	96⅝	Exch	9½% 1998	97⅝	+⅛	9.9	10.117
140⅝	124⅝	Treas	15½% 1998	131⅝	●+⅛	11.7	10.303
118⅝	109⅝	Exch	12% 1998	111	+⅛	10.8	10.207
103⅝	95⅝	Treas	9½% 1999	97⅝	+⅛	9.7	9.897
120⅝	111⅝	Exch	12¼% 1999	113	●+⅛	10.8	10.201
109⅝	101⅝	Treas	10½% 1999	102⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.088
107⅝	99⅝	Conv	10¼% 1999	101	+⅛	10.1	10.089
100⅝	86⅝	Treas	8½% 2000	90⅝	+⅛	9.3	9.830
126⅝	117⅝	Treas	13% 2000	118⅝	+⅛	10.9	10.198
99⅝	92⅝	Conv	9% 2000	94⅝	+⅛	9.5	9.853
108⅝	98⅝	Treas	10% 2001	100⅝	+⅛	9.9	9.921
104⅝	97⅝	Conv	9¾% 2001	98⅝	+⅛	9.8	9.890
129⅝	120⅝	Treas	14% 1998 ..	121⅝	+⅛	11.4	10.388
99⅝	92⅝	Exch	9% 2002	94⅝	+⅛	9.5	9.758
107	94⅝	Conv	10% 2002	101	●+⅛	9.8	9.851
118⅝	108⅝	Exch	12% 1999 ..	111	+⅛	10.7	10.213
105⅝	97⅝	Treas	9¾% 2002	99⅝	+⅛	9.8	9.827
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
108	100⅝	Treas	10% 2003	101⅝	+⅛	9.8	9.786
131⅝	122⅝	Treas	13¾% 2000 ..	123⅝	+⅛	11.1	10.251
117⅝	108⅝	Treas	11½% 2001 ..	110⅝	+⅛	10.4	10.018
109	100⅝	Treas	10% 2004	102⅝	+⅛	9.7	9.685
58⅝	54⅝	Fund	3½% 1999 ..	57⅝	+⅛	6.1	8.430
104⅝	88⅝	Conv	9½% 2004	99	●+⅛	9.5	9.611
104⅝	93⅝	Conv	9½% 2005	99⅝	●+⅛	9.5	9.587
113⅝	105⅝	Exch	10½% 2005	107⅝	+⅛	9.7	9.585
127⅝	118⅝	Treas	12½% 2003 ..	120⅝	+⅛	10.3	9.821
92	82⅝	Treas	8% 2002 ..	87⅝	●+⅛	9.1	9.455

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
605	522	Nat West (aa)	558	561	+3	33.7	6.0	9.8
389	308	Provident	308	312	●..	23.3	7.5	8.7
111	75	Rea Bros	74	79	●-1	8.3	9.4	14.7
149	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	142	145	..	10.7	7.4	5.7
380	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	342	345	..	17.9	5.2	6.7
10	850	Schroders	850	850	●..	22.0	2.4	11.3
575	497	Stand Chart (aa)	543	548	●-6	46.7	8.6	6.8
117½	96	TSB (aa)	99	100	●..	6.6	6.6	6.7
595	498	Union Disc	495	505	..	38.4	7.7	11.3
353	276	Warburg SG	285	288	..	15.3	5.3	7.7
133	95	Do 6% 'A'	97	100	●..	8.0	8.1	..
39⅝	23	Wells Fargo	39⅝	..	..	..	..	..
458	443	Westpac	440	465	●..	9.3	2.1	16.7

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
456	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	455	457	+36	17.3	3.8	13.6
867	734	Bass (aa)	752	757	+5	28.9	3.8	11.3
88	44	Belhaven	53	54	-½	1.0	1.9	20.9
175	127	Boddington	143	147	-1	5.4	3.7	15.0
207	129	Buckleys	133	142	..	4.4	3.2	42.8
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	160	170	+4	8.7	5.3	11.0
191	120	Burtonwood Brew	170	177	..	4.2	2.4	21.5
390	332	Clark (Matthew)	383	393	●..	14.7	3.8	10.8
371	292	Devenish (JA)	308	318	..	4.0	1.3	27.6
246	178	Greenall Whitley	220	225	+3	8.3	3.7	12.7
494	433	Greene King	455	463	..	9.9	2.2	28.4
357	271	Guinness (aa)	312	314	●+4	12.9	4.1	10.3
770	690	Hardys & Hansons	760	780	+5	30.0	3.8	14.4
127	78	Highland Dist	107	110	..	3.5	3.2	17.0
306	188	Invergordon Dist	290	298	●..	8.3	2.8	17.8
440	125	Irish Dist	408	418	..	..	..	..
167	110	Marston Thompson	140	144	..	3.9	2.7	16.0
683	464	Morland	625	675	..	10.9	1.7	25.7
368	265	SA Breweries	260	265	..	..	..	..
384	306	Scot & New (aa)	344	346	+4	12.2	3.5	17.0
721	478	Vaux Group	675	682	+1	21.6b	3.2	20.7
317	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	294	298	+7	14.1	4.8	11.0
700	324	Do 'B'	600	700	..	14.1	2.2	24.2
411	298	Whitbread Inv	367	373	..	12.3	3.3	39.3
434	351	Wolvrhmpton & D	398	403	+3	8.2	2.1	17.0
530	345	Young 'A'	505	525	..	12.3	2.4	30.1

BUILDING, ROADS

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INDUSTRIALS A-D

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INSURANCE

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	228	Abbey Life (aa)	319	321	-3	14.0	4.4	..
15⅝	950	Alex & Alex	15⅛	..	+⅛	..	..	..
533⅝	350	Allianz Vers	532⅝	..	+4⅝	..	..	..
20½	14⅝	Am Gen	20⅝	..	-⅛	..	..	..
168	124	Archer (AJ)	120	135	..	..	..	..
245	206	Bradstock	233	237	●..	6.8	2.9	13.4
392	314	Britannic	360	362	●+2	19.7	5.5	..
407½	298	Com Union (aa)	335	337	●+2	22.7	6.8	12.7
225	158	FAI	190	205	+5	..	..	..
954	794	Gen Accident(aa)	875	878	+6	50.7	5.8	22.0
198	165	GRE (aa)	185	187	..	11.6	6.2	..
449	354	Heath C E	400	405	+3	34.2	8.5	13.6
183	134	Hogg Rob & GM	143	145	..	5.5	3.8	88.3
343	252	Legal & Gen (aa)	301	303	●-1	16.3	5.4	38.5
192	147	Lloyd Thompson	185	192	..	2.3	1.2	..
309	238	London & Man	284	287	+1	11.9	4.2	40.5
210	125	Lon Utd Inv	133	135	●..	10.7	8.0	15.3
35	25⅝	Marsh & McLen	33⅝	..	-⅛	..	..	..
223	130	PWS	143	148	..	14.0	9.6	6.1
547	410	Pearl (aa)	461	464	●+1	18.0	3.9	33.1
179	148	Prudential (aa)	150	152	●..	9.5	6.4	..
485	398	Refuge	458	465	●+10	25.0	5.4	24.8
439	358	Royal (aa)	376	378	●+4	27.3	7.2	..
245	199	Sedgwick (aa)	227	230	●+3	16.0	7.0	14.9
228	152	Steel Burrill	225	230	●+9	13.3	5.8	14.3
354	233	Stenge Hldgs	235	240	..	10.2	4.3	15.2
10	785	Sun Alliance (aa)	992	994	-1	48.0	4.8	80.4
12½	965	Sun Life	9⅝	10	+⅛	46.4	4.6	..
563	355	Trade Indemnity	550	565	●-5	8.1	1.5	25.8
278	202	Willis Faber (aa)	230	231	●+3½	15.3	6.6	12.1
75	48	Windsor	45	50	-2	..	..	..

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OILS, GAS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
78	33	Nat Energy	41	43	..	..	..	..
574	271	LASMO (aa)	555	557	-10½	10.3	1.9	48.8
195	140	Do Units	175	185	-5	31.8	17.7	..
34	19	Marinex	23	25	-2	..	..	..
27	16	New London Oil	16	18	..	..	..	..
67	32	Oil Search	35	38	..	..	..	..
69	47	Perocon	47	54	..	..	..	8.1
2⅝	1⅝	Petroz	1⅝	1⅝	..	..	..	..
66	46	Premier	56	57	-2	..	..	19.8
373	221	Ranger	345	350	-5	..	..	..
67⅝	59⅝	Royal Dutch	63⅝	..	-⅛	..	..	..
11	954½	Shell (aa)	972	975	●-3	70.7	7.3	10.4
340	183	Sitelece	307	317	..	12.3	3.9	10.0
175	91	Sovereign	165	167	-4	..	..	44.0
17	11	TR Energy	11	13	..	..	..	11.8
5	1	Target	0⅝	1⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	165	168	..	..	..	28.7
308	169	Ultramar (aa)	234	235	r +½	8.9	3.8	23.2
91	44	Woodside	77	81	+2	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
54	33	Boustead	41	43	..	0.7	1.7	19.2
153	117	Challenger	118	125	..	9.3	7.6	9.8
111	76	Finlay (James)	107	112	-1	5.5	5.0	..
676	546	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	634	639	+5	34.7	5.4	17.8
238	155	Inchcape (aa)	194	196	-7	9.8	5.0	11.6
360	183	Lonrho (aa)	340	343	●+38	15.8	4.6	15.9
71	46	Ocean Wilson	43	48	-1	3.3	7.2	8.5
355	305	Paterson Zoch	322	332	..	9.9	3.0	10.1
335	305	Do 'A'	322	332	..	9.9	3.0	10.1
330	240	Polly Peck (aa)	308	313	+2	8.8	2.8	7.4
89	52	Sime Darby	80	85	..	..	..	..
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	86	90	●-2	3.3	3.7	8.9

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PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
483	399	BAT (aa)	430	432	●+1	24.0	5.6	8.9
150	125	Carreras	133	143	-2	..	..	..
450	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	448	450	+11½	13.3	3.0	9.8

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

FAMILY MONEY

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	Compounded at tax rates 40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	4.00	4.04	3.23	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.75	8.03	6.42	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	7.69	7.69	6.15	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	8.69	8.69	6.95	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	7.70	7.70	6.16	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	8.15	8.15	6.52	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000-no max	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	8.50	8.50	6.80	2,000-no max	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	8.13	8.45	6.76	2,500-no max	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c[1]	7.62	7.85	6.27	2,500-no max	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save[2]	6.15	6.31	5.05	500-no max	none	01 626 6543
Girobank	7.50	7.60	6.00	1,000-no max	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	1,000-no max	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	7.75	7.98	7.18	2,000-no max	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	7.75	7.98	6.38	500-no max	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	7.67	7.90	6.32	2,500-no max	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000-no max	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	—	
Best buy — largest socs:						
Woolwich	4.75	4.75	3.80	1 min	none	—
Britannia	6.90	6.90	5.52	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	7.00	7.00	5.60	500 min	—	—
Britannia	7.70	7.70	6.16	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	7.80	7.80	6.24	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Newcastle	8.10	8.10	6.48	500 min	none	—
The Hendon	8.00	8.16	6.53	500 min	30 day	—
Tynemouth	8.25	8.42	6.74	500 min	60 day	—
Skipton	8.70	8.70	6.96	500 min	90 day	—
Hendon	8.75	8.75	7.09	3,000 min	6 mnth	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	4.25	4.25	3.40	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	4.75	4.75	3.80	500 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	Compounded at tax rates 40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c[4]	10.00	7.50	6.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*[5]	9.00	6.75	5.40	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*[5]	9.00	6.75	5.40	100-100,000	3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Shield Assurance	9.50	9.50	8.08	2,000 min	1 yr	Figures from
New Dir Fin	9.00	9.00	7.65	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
M.L.A.	9.20	9.20	7.82	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
Premium Life	9.10	9.10	7.70	1,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5766
Cornhill Ins	9.50	9.50	8.08	1,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (August 87-88)	+5.7%	Spanish Pesetas:	205.50
Bank Base Rate	12%	French Francs:	10.47
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachma:	249.00
Credit Card	16-26.8%	Italian Lire:	2305.00

[1] All cheques/deposits must be at least £250 [2] £9 quarterly service charge [3] 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less [4] Additional holdings up to £5 000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross 10.75 from 9 Oct [5] £500 min entry level

CGT ALLOWANCE, AUGUST 1988

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in April 1988

RI month	RI year 1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
Jan	-	0.306	0.242	0.183	0.121	0.079	0.045
Feb	-	0.301	0.237	0.174	0.117	0.075	0.041
Mar	0.356	0.296	0.233	0.163	0.115	0.073	0.037
Apr	0.331	0.280	0.217	0.138	0.105	0.060	0.020
May	0.322	0.275	0.213	0.133	0.103	0.059	0.016
Jun	0.318	0.272	0.210	0.131	0.103	0.059	0.012
Jul	0.318	0.265	0.211	0.133	0.106	0.060	0.011
Aug	0.317	0.259	0.200	0.130	0.103	0.057	-
Sep	0.318	0.254	0.197	0.131	0.098	0.054	-
Oct	0.312	0.249	0.190	0.129	0.096	0.049	-
Nov	0.305	0.245	0.186	0.125	0.087	0.044	-
Dec	0.308	0.242	0.187	0.123	0.083	0.045	-

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1985 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

Buying a starter home? Some families find boats are the answer to out-of-reach prices

Floaters for first-timers

A boat may not be everybody's idea of a first home but it could be a good short-term solution to beating high mortgage rates and getting that first foot on the property ladder.

As little as £9,000 buys a floating home complete with bedroom, bathroom, fitted kitchen and lounge. And there is one big advantage — if you do not like the neighbours or the scenery, you can always move on.

People choose to live afloat for many reasons. Claire Butler, a teacher raising her two small sons on a 72ft narrowboat in London, loves the lifestyle.

"It's the best of both worlds," she says. "I've got nature on my doorstep, yet I'm very close to work."

Peter, a young British Rail employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, lives on a 40ft narrowboat. He reflects a growing trend of boat-owners who see their way as a cheap means of beating the high cost of housing.

Peter bought his boat for £5,000 last year and renovated it, and has it moored close to exclusive Little Venice in London. He probably could not get a one-bedroom flat in that area for less than £80,000.

Buying a boat may seem comparatively inexpensive, but there are pitfalls.

"Many people will buy a boat on impulse without really knowing what they are getting into," said Dr Scott Pereira, who lives with his wife Hilary and their two children on a restored 100ft motor yacht on the Thames at Twickenham, Middlesex. "They end up investing thousands in something which sinks!"

Owners differ on the investment value of a boat. Some say it is a depreciating asset, others argue that a well maintained craft holds its value, and even appreciates.

John Yates, a building conservationist and founding member of the Battlebridge Basin boat co-operative, is a good example. Last year his two 70ft working narrowboats were valued at £10,000 each. He is now selling them for £15,000 each.

"People are queueing up to buy them," he says.

Although running costs are extremely low compared with those of a house, boats do require constant maintenance. Tony Woodward, chairman of the Residential Boat Owners Association (RBOA), who lives with his family on a 62ft sailing barge in Staines, Middlesex, says: "Something always needs attention, so it is essential to DIY. Getting someone else to do it can be difficult and expensive."

The best way to find a boat is to talk to the owners themselves and ask who is selling. You can also look in the classified pages of *Waterways World* and *Exchange & Mart*. The difficult part is getting a mooring.

There are about 42 residential boat communities in the country. Fifteen are in London, and these have waiting lists of two to five years. Despite a rapidly growing boat community, the number of residential sites is steadily shrinking and moorings are being sold to developers.

By law all residential boats have to be licensed by the local waterways authority. The boats on most of the canals require a Houseboat Certificate from the British Waterways Board (BWB).

The BWB issues only 175 Houseboat Certificates a year, 104 for residential moorings in London. But the RBOA, which is continually lobbying for more residential moorings throughout Britain, estimates that there are more than 4,000 permanently inhabited boats on the canal system, at least 500 in the capital alone.

Yet the BWB, like other navigational authorities, is not increasing the number of residential sites. "We're not a housing authority," said Graham Avory, a spokesman for the BWB.

As a result, says Mr Woodward, the unofficial majority get by on non-residential Cruising Licences, a few with no licence at all. Authorities such as the BWB patrol the waterways for offenders. But Mr Yates says: "They just don't have the manpower to cope with the sheer strength of numbers, especially in London."

If you do not want to be a be a boat gipsy, the RBOA can put you in touch with a number of private mooring sites with good amenities.

On the canals, the cheapest moorings are often the co-operatives, which charge about £400 a year. Most are in basins that are out of BWB control and therefore do not require residential permits.

JULIAN HERBERT

DAYBREAK
HULL

Water-borne: Tony and Sally Woodward have a boat at Staines. They also own the mooring

Like most other residential moorings, they offer a wide range of facilities, including water, electrical hook-ups, sewage disposal and lavatories. Some even have mini-launderettes.

However, co-op boaters using the canal system must hold a Cruising Certificate. The annual fee is based on boat length starting at £109 for boats up to 16ft (5 metres). The main advantage of a non-residential licence is that the permit holder does not have to pay rates.

The RBOA advises strongly against buying a boat without a mooring. "A mooring adds a huge premium in the value of the boat. It can double the price but there's no security. It could close down tomorrow," said Mr Woodward, who owns the freehold to his mooring.

Most financial institutions are not willing to lend for a residential boat — their fear is that the boat could sail off before they receive payment. Some building societies will loan as part of an extension of a mortgage and, if you are a home-owner, companies such as Lombard offer marine mortgages of up to 80 per cent. Otherwise, the best bet is a personal loan from a high street bank.

Tax relief on up to £30,000 can be claimed on the interest paid on the loan, provided the boat is your main residence and you are not already claiming.

Before handing over the cash, talk to people who know the boat, check their information with the sellers', and get an out-of-water marine survey. This service may cost a few hundred pounds but it could save you a fortune if the boat is a "sinking ship", which is often the case with wooden-hulled craft.

A boat should also be insured for at least third party cover. Annual premiums are about 1 per cent of the value of the boat. If your vessel happens to catch fire and destroys others, you could be heavily sued. Boats are also easily broken into and people keeping all their wordly possessions aboard would be wise to take out additional insurance.

Elizabeth Camp

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.90	12.53	+0.01	..
Bear	12.08	12.72	+0.18	..
Owl	14.90	15.69	+0.40	..
Bull	13.57	14.29	+0.23	..
Stag	13.96	14.70	+0.11	..
Gilt Edged	11.72		+0.05	..
Deposit	10.92		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.57	14.29	+0.03	..
Bear	14.02	14.76	+0.22	..
Owl	18.14	19.10	+0.53	..
Bull	16.40	17.27	+0.33	..
Stag	16.41	17.28	+0.15	..
Gilt Edged	12.98		+0.06	..
Deposit	11.97		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	180.5	184.2	+4.14	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	257.8	271.4	+0.4	..
Do Accum	373.3	393.0	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	112.8	118.5	+2.0	..
Do Accum	127.8	134.6	+2.2	..
Selective Fund	287.9	303.1	+2.7	..
Money Fund	245.1	258.0	-17.9	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	293.5	309.0	+0.2	..
Equity Ser 4	131.6	138.6	+1.7	..
Man Ser 4	373.3	393.0	+3.0	..
Conv Ser 4	218.9	230.5	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	218.6	230.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	211.5	222.8	+1.1	..
American Ser 4	264.5	278.5	+1.4	..
High Inc Ser 4	374.8	394.5	+7.6	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	121.7	128.2	+0.7	..
Japan Ser 4	265.6	279.6	-5.2	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	869.3	915.0	+15.4	..
European Fd Accum	197.8	208.1	+2.0	..
Fixed Int Acc	331.4	348.7	+0.9	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	222.6	234.3	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	354.5	373.1	..	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	198.0	208.3	+0.8	..
Japan Fund	285.6	300.5	-8.4	..
Nth American Fd Acc	168.4	177.3	+1.5	..
Prop Fd Acc	286.1	301.1	+1.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	605.5	637.3	+5.8	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	247.9	261.0	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	732.3	770.9	+7.4	..
Property Accum	437.7	460.8	+0.3	..
Far East Accum	173.6	182.8	-2.8	..
Managed Capital	338.6	356.5	+2.8	..
Do Accum	581.4	612.1	+5.0	..
Overseas Accum	482.7	508.2	+12.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	302.5	318.5	+0.9	..
Amer Equity Accum	381.1	401.2	+5.3	..
Amer Man Accum	180.6	190.2	+2.4	..
Amer Prop Accum	133.4	140.5	+0.7	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9889				
Managed Growth	292.4	307.8	+4.20	..
Managed Income	130.4	137.3	+1.54	..
International	177.0	186.3	+3.27	..
High Income	191.0	201.0	+2.98	..
Income & Growth	261.7	275.5	+3.88	..
Basic Resource	110.8	116.6	+1.21	..
American	166.0	174.8	+4.92	..
Japan & General	444.8	468.2	+4.45	..
Special Situations	229.0	241.1	+3.58	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	559.1	588.6	..	..
Do Initial	459.1	483.3	..	..
Gilt Edged Accum	231.4	243.6	..	..
Do Initial	192.9	203.1	..	..
International Accum	266.8	280.9	..	..
Do Initial	224.3	236.2	..	..
Managed Accum	359.1	378.0	..	..
Do Initial	296.3	311.9	..	..
Money Accum	192.5	202.7	..	..
Do Initial	154.6	162.8	..	..
Property Accum	264.0	277.9	..	..
Do Initial	216.6	228.1	..	..
America Accum	165.7	174.5	+1.7	..
Do Initial	133.5	140.6	..	..
Australia Accum	165.5	174.3	-4.6	..
Do Initial	146.6	154.4	..	..
Financial Accum	241.9	254.7	+3.3	..
Do Initial	209.3	220.4	..	..
500 Accum	291.0	306.4	+2.3	..
Do Initial	250.0	263.2	..	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	402.3	423.5	-4.7	..
Do Initial 2	338.9	356.8	..	..
Income Accum	300.8	316.7	+4.1	..
Do Initial	259.2	272.9	..	..
Leisure Accum	192.8	203.0	-0.6	..
Special Sits Accum	147.2	155.0	+0.8	..
Univ Tech Accum	106.6	112.2	-0.2	..
Do Initial	96.8	101.9	..	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	434.25		+5.05	..
Income Fund	420.4	442.5	+3.41	..
Extra Income Fund	393.1	413.8	+0.77	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	305.2	321.3	+4.05	..
Balanced Fund	341.3	359.3	+4.19	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	525.4	553.0	+3.92	..
Intl Technology Fund	302.2	318.1	+6.17	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	219.4	231.0	+6.15	..
Energy Intl Fund	122.2	128.7	+8.97	..
Pacific Basin Fund	272.0	286.3	+0.14	..
German Growth Fd	105.1	110.6	+4.75	..
Japan Growth Fd	176.1	185.4	+2.41	..
The UK Gth Fd	122.9	129.4	+1.87	..
Contl Euro Gth	69.09	72.73	+2.08	..
Property Fund	234.5	246.9	+0.23	..
Fixed Interest Fund	207.3	218.3	-0.27	..
Cash Fund	191.1	201.2	+0.46	..
Managed Inv Fund	273.9	288.3	+2.46	..
Nth Amer Recov	119.3	125.6	+1.72	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	160.3		..	..
Managed	196.5	206.9	+1.2	..
Property	152.8	160.9	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	150.7	158.7	+0.9	..
Index-Linked	123.5	130.0	+0.4	..
Equity	213.7	225.0	+2.2	..
Cash	151.5	159.5	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	212.5	223.7	+1.5	..
Midland Bk Int	216.8	228.3	-0.1	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	177.52		+1.98	..
Property Units	227.24		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.08	40.30	+0.28	..
2nd Equity Accum	383.1	405.4	+8.7	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	364.6	385.8	+7.2	..
2nd Property Accum	263.8	279.2	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	122.8	129.7	+0.4	..
2nd Managed Acc	271.5	287.8	+2.1	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	116.9	123.7	+0.3	..
2nd Deposit Accum	192.7	203.9	+0.3	..
2nd Gilt Accum	196.2	207.6	+0.5	..
2nd Amer Accum	221.3	234.2	+0.9	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	193.1	204.3	-0.5	..
2nd Index Accum	116.9	123.7	+0.4	..
2nd Far East Accum	231.1	244.6	-4.7	..
2nd Global Accum	83.0	87.8	-0.1	..
2nd Euro Accum	83.4	88.3	+1.9	..
2nd Japan Accum	149.4	158.1	-2.8	..
2nd Heritage Acc	96.8	102.4	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	93.9	99.4	+0.1	..
2nd Strat Opp Acc	96.2	101.8	+0.5	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd.				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	164.5	173.2	..	..
Money Fund	253.4	266.8	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	458.3	482.5	+6.6	..
Equity Fund	343.6	361.7	+7.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	159.8	168.3	+1.0	..
Far East Fund	239.4	252.0	+2.7	..
Nth Amer Fund	124.9	131.5	+5.4	..
Nat Resources Fund	191.2	201.3	+2.4	..
Alexandra Fund	113.9	119.9	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	157.0	165.3	+1.4	..
Equity	186.2	196.0	+2.7	..
Property	171.5	180.6	+0.5	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.6	134.4	+0.8	..
Indexed Secs	104.2	109.7	+0.5	..
Cash	123.1	129.6	+0.2	..
Nth American	105.5	111.1	+0.5	..
Far East	148.0	155.8	-2.8	..
International	119.6	125.9	..	..
Special Sits	165.4	174.2	+2.6	..
Intl Income	164.2	172.9	+2.8	..
American Inc	107.3	113.0	+0.4	..
European	148.7	156.6	+2.0	..
Japanese	113.7	119.7	-2.5	..
SE Asia	133.2	140.3	-0.6	..
Home Inv WP Reg	97.8	103.0	+0.1	..
Home Inv WP Spec	97.8	103.0	+0.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	156.2	164.5	+1.3	..
Equity	171.9	181.0	+2.3	..
Property	156.8	165.1	+1.0	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	142.5	150.1	+0.5	..
Index Linked	108.5	114.3	+0.4	..
Cash	137.9	145.2	+0.2	..
Nth American	115.6	121.7	+0.6	..
Far East Acc	196.0	206.4	-5.5	..
International Acc	139.6	147.0	..	..
Special Sits	241.7	254.5	+3.1	..
European Flex	182.7	192.4	+2.6	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9861				
CML U Ass:Key	188.48		..	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	211.62		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	138.4	145.7	..	..
CML U Ass:Equity	319.5	336.3	..	..
CML U Ass:FI	207.8	218.8	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	244.7	257.6	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	316.5	333.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	137.7	145.0	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	162.2	170.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	730.1	768.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	859.6	904.8	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Cap	232.8	245.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Fxd Inv	274.1	288.5	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	137.4	144.6	..	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	161.7	170.2	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	339.2	357.1	..	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	399.4	420.4	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	317.02		+2.16	..
Var Ann (5)	62.69		+0.15	..
Prime- Managed	250.8	264.0	+2.0	..
Prime- UK Equity	300.6	316.5	+3.5	..
Prime- Int Equity	188.2	198.2	-0.2	..
Prime- Property	163.3	171.9	+1.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	156.6	164.9	+1.1	..
Prime- Index-Linked	107.8	113.5	+0.4	..
Prime- Cash	134.8	141.9	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	685.8	721.8	..	..
Equity Fund	946.6	996.4	..	..
PIP Fund	£25.63		..	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	342.7	360.7	+4.3	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	245.9	258.8	+2.0	..
Life Equity Accum	417.6	439.5	+8.0	..
Life Money Accum	196.9	207.2	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	431.8	454.5	+3.3	..
Life Intl Accum	331.2	348.6	+1.5	..
Life High Inc Accum	456.4	480.4	+17.0	..
Life Property Accum	217.4	228.8	+1.4	..
Crown Brit Inv A	661.7	719.7	..	..
Brown Equity	672.6	708.0	..	..
DBS Managed	208.5	219.4	..	..
Growth Accum	264.5	278.4	..	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE				
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
Measured perf	95.9	100.8	+0.3	..
Performance Plus	89.8	95.0	-0.1	..
With Profit Perf	109.5	114.8	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	119.0	125.9	+0.3	..
Euro Opportunity	88.3	93.4	+1.2	..
North Amer Opp	86.6	91.5	+0.1	..
Far East Opp	97.7	103.4	-2.1	..
Gth Prop Series 1	173.0	182.2	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	132.9	140.6	..	..
Fixed Int	106.3	112.5	..	..
Cash	105.7	111.8	..	..
Managed Pens	327.4	333.3	-11.91	..
Overseas	85.6	90.6	+0.2	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 221311				
Secure Fund	115.3	121.4	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	144.8	152.5	+1.1	..
Adventurous Fund	150.3	158.3	+0.1	..
Performance Fund	156.5	164.8	+0.5	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2				
01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	176.9	183.4	+2.6	4.47
EQUITY & LAW				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe				
0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	490.2	516.0	+6.3	..
Higher Income Fund	513.5	540.5	+7.8	..
Property Fund	361.0	380.0	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	264.1	278.0	+1.8	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	110.9	116.7	+0.5	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	195.0	205.2	+0.3	..
Nth America Fund	211.3	222.4	+2.8	..
Far East Fund	342.6	360.6	-4.9	..
Europe Fund	195.7	205.9	+2.1	..
International Fund	283.3	298.2	-0.2	..
Mixed Fund	348.4	404.3	-15.5	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	173.4	182.6	+0.5	..
UK Equity	208.7	219.7	+1.3	..
Stewardship	214.2	225.5	+1.8	..
Overseas Equity	166.4	175.2	-0.6	..
North American	84.8	89.3	-0.3	..
Pacific Basin	95.7	100.8	-1.1	..
European	88.8	93.5	+1.2	..
Property	174.2	183.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	141.5	149.0	+0.8	..
Index Linked	106.5	112.2	+0.5	..
Cash	130.6	137.5	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT				
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ				
01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	184.0	193.7	+1.0	..
GT Plan High Yield	221.7	233.4	+5.2	..
GT Plan Far East	208.8	219.8	-5.1	..
GT Plan North Amer	112.0	117.9	+0.7	..
GT Plan UK & GE	300.6	316.5	+5.1	..
GT Plan Worldwide	251.0	264.3	+0.3	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE				
2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR				
0904 628982				
Managed	128.3	135.0	+1.0	..
UK Equity	174.7	183.8	+2.5	..
Fixed Int	123.9	130.3	+1.0	..
Index-Linked	103.1	108.5	+0.5	..
Cash Deposit	117.2	123.2	+0.2	..
Property	133.5	140.4	+0.1	..
International	104.5	109.9	+0.6	..
American	82.9	87.2	+3.4	..
Japan	139.4	146.6	-2.0	..
Japan Smlr Co's	140.9	148.2	-2.1	..
European	99.8	104.9	+1.3	..
Pacific Fund	97.3	102.3	-1.1	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts				
0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	471.2		+3.9	..
Do Init	319.0		+2.3	..
Do Inv a	471.1	496.0	+4.0	..
UK Equity	255.8	269.1	+3.8	..
Oseas Equity	148.7	156.6	+1.7	..
Smaller Cos	166.6	175.5	+1.0	..
Gilt Plus	128.7	135.6	-0.9	..
Do 88	125.6	132.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	123.9	130.5	+0.2	..
Managed	194.6	204.9	+1.7	..
Inter Man	160.8	169.4	+1.7	..
GRESHAM UNIT				
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth				
0202 752000				
Managed Bond	455.2	479.7	+4.7	..
Money Fund	210.6	221.7	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	382.4	402.9	+3.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	180.4	189.0	+0.8	..
Property Fund	281.8	296.9	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	250.1	263.5	+1.8	..
Income	468.0	493.2	+5.8	..
International Grwth	270.9	285.5	-0.3	..
Capital Fund	459.1	483.6	+2.4	..
Recovery Fund	318.7	335.8	+2.4	..
Japan & General	188.7	198.8	-4.4	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3				
01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	639.4	668.0	..	..
Managed Initial	320.4	337.3	+1.5	..
Do Accum	397.4	418.3	+2.0	..
Equity Initial	486.4	512.1	+7.1	..
Do Accum	603.3	635.1	+9.1	..
Fixed Int Initial	273.0	287.4	+1.8	..
Do Accum	338.6	356.4	+2.3	..
Intl Initial	316.6	333.3	+0.6	..
Do Accum	392.7	413.4	+1.0	..
Nth Amer Initial	112.0	117.8	+1.0	..
Do Accum	126.4	133.0	+1.2	..
Pacific Initial	189.9	199.9	-2.5	..
Do Accum	212.3	223.5	-2.7	..
Property Initial	187.0	196.6	..	..
Do Accum	231.6	243.7	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	103.4	108.8	+0.3	..
Do Accum	116.7	122.8	+0.4	..
Deposit Initial	147.1	154.9	+0.1	..
Do Accum	182.5	192.1	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	71.5	75.2	+1.7	..
Do Accum	74.6	78.5	+1.9	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA				
01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	304.3	321.2●	+1.1	..
Gilt Edged Fund	89.0	94.0●	..	..
Capital Growth Inc	279.5	295.0	-1.1	..
Technology Fund	131.6	139.2	-2.4	..
Natural Resources	98.5	104.0	-1.0	..
Special Situations	256.4	270.7	-0.5	..
North America Fund	199.3	210.4	+0.1	..
Far East Fund	314.1	331.6	-4.5	..
Managed Fund	305.7	322.7	+0.1	..
Deposit Fund	150.1	158.0	+0.3	..
Prime Residential	165.9	174.7	+0.2	..
Property Fund	210.3	221.4	-0.6	..
Managed Currency	114.8	121.2	+0.3	..
Global Health Care	129.2	136.4	-0.9	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 4355				
Security Fund	297.5	313.2	+4.7	..
British Fund	273.2	287.6	+3.7	..
International Fund	280.1	294.9	+1.3	..
Dollar Fund	204.4	215.2	+1.0	..
Capital Fund	271.4	285.7	+4.0	..
Income Fund	364.4	383.6	+6.6	..
Property Series 'A'	334.9	352.6	..	..
Property Units	576.4	605.3	..	..
Financial Fund	263.9	277.8	+5.2	..
Managed Series 'A'	319.7	336.8	+3.0	..
Do 'C'	217.1	228.6	+2.2	..
Managed Units	582.2	591.8	+5.4	..
High Yield Fund	353.9	372.6	+6.4	..
Money Series 'A'	191.6	201.7	..	..
Money Units	247.4	260.5	..	..
Equity Fund	354.0	372.7	+8.9	..
Fixed Interest Fund	215.3	226.7	+1.0	..
Indexed Secs Fund	116.5	122.7	+0.9	..
European Fund	363.9	383.1	+3.7	..
Natural Res Fund	178.0	187.4	-0.3	..
Far East Fund	373.9	393.6	-5.3	..
Smaller Co's Fund	384.9	405.2	+2.5	..
Special Sits Fund	290.2	305.5	+4.7	..
Man Currency Fund	169.3	178.3	+0.1	..
Japanese Tech	189.9	199.9	-3.8	..
US Smaller Co's	94.5	99.5	-0.5	..
IMPERIAL TRIDENT LIFE LTD				
89, London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE				
0452 500500				
(Formerly Imperial Life Ass of Can)				
Growth Fund	309.4	336.3	+3.2	..
Managed Fd	251.4	264.7	+1.9	..
Fixed Int Fd	249.1	262.2	+0.9	..
Secure Cap Fd	190.2	200.2	..	..
Equity Fd	734.3	772.9	+7.4	..
Property Fd	220.3	232.0	..	..
(Formerly Trident Life)				
Managed	319.4	336.3	+2.0	..
Gtd Mgd	333.7	351.4	+0.9	..
Property	393.3	414.1	..	..
American	220.8	232.5	+2.3	..
UK Equity Fd	418.5	440.7	+4.3	..
High Yield	476.4	501.5	+3.5	..
Gilt Edged	278.5	293.2	+0.9	..
Money	266.4	280.5	..	..
International	253.1	266.5	-0.4	..
Henderson Active	132.6	139.6	+0.9	..
Perpetual Active	153.8	162.0	+0.5	..
Growth Cap	287.1	302.3	+1.0	..
Do Accum	382.1	402.3	+1.4	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY				
01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	317.8	334.3	+2.1	..
Global Property 3	177.7	187.0	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	307.2	323.4	+0.9	..
Global Equity 3	351.3	371.7	+1.9	..
Global Cash 3	140.0	147.4	+5.8	..
L&S GROUP				
10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH				
031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	215.7	227.1	+1.8	..
UK Equity	338.9	356.1	+3.2	..
Property	265.5	279.8	+7.9	..
Money Market	166.5	175.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	198.3	208.8	+0.7	..
Japan	313.8	330.7	-4.8	..
North America	106.1	111.7	+0.4	..
International	189.2	199.4	..	..
European	128.5	135.5	+0.5	..
Far East	91.9	96.8	-1.9	..
Special Sits	80.5	84.9	+0.1	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE				
0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	109.3	115.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	123.3	129.8	+0.1	..
Brit Opps Int	97.4	102.6	+0.9	..
Do Accum	99.8	105.1	+0.8	..
Cash Initial	134.3	141.4	+0.2	..
Do Accum	190.8	200.9	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	410.5	432.2	+4.7	..
Do Accum	583.4	614.2	+6.6	..
Fixed Initial	254.5	267.9	+1.1	..
Do Accum	361.7	380.8	+1.7	..
Index-Linked Gilt	97.0	102.2	+0.4	..
Do Accum	117.6	123.8	+0.3	..
Intl Initial	253.1	266.5	-0.1	..
Do Accum	354.1	372.8	-0.2	..
Managed Initial	315.8	332.5	+2.8	..
Do Accum	448.7	472.4	+3.5	..
Property Initial	195.0	205.3	+3.5	..
Do Accum	277.1	291.7	+4.9	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY				
11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP				
01-248 9678				
L & G (20)	225.4	232.4	..	..
LONDON LIFE				
100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA				
0272 279179				
Equity		523.6	+1.6	..
Fixed Interest		244.8	+0.4	..
Property		284.3	+0.2	..
Deposit		190.3	+0.2	..
Mixed		353.3	+1.3	..
Indexed Stock		128.3	+1.4	..
International		171.0	+1.5	..
Equity A		122.7	+0.4	..
Fixed Int A		109.7	+0.2	..
Property A		128.2	+0.1	..
Deposit A		112.9	+0.1	..
Mixed A		177.2	+0.4	..
Index Stock A		101.4	+1.1	..
International A		107.9	+1.0	..
Equity P		416.8	+8.0	..
Fixed Int P		290.4	+0.5	..
Property P		230.1	+0.3	..
Deposit P		192.8	+0.3	..
Mixed P		307.4	+3.7	..
Index Stock P		144.0	+1.6	..
International P		186.7	+1.6	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap		413.9	+2.8	..
Do Accum		531.2	+3.9	..
Property Cap		161.3	..	..
Do Accum		203.3	-0.4	..
Fixed Interest Cap		160.9	+0.6	..
Do Accum		202.0	+0.9	..
Equity Cap		212.5	+3.2	..
Do Accum		268.7	+4.2	..
International Cap		169.7	+0.1	..
Do Accum		213.3	+0.3	..
Gtd Deposit Cap		149.6	+0.1	..
Do Accum		187.8	+1.0	..
Flexible Cap		260.0	+1.7	..
Do Accum		315.6	+2.2	..
Moneymaker Fund		255.4	+2.0	..
Capital Growth Fund		622.2	+12.1	..
M & G				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	208.4	218.8	+5.4	..
Amer Rec Bond	260.6	274.0	+0.3	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	93.7	98.4	+1.2	..
Australasia Bond	144.5	151.9	-5.4	..
Commodity Bond	174.3	183.1	+1.1	..
Deposit Bond Acc	238.1	250.1	+0.2	..
Equity Bond Accum	745.6	782.9	+11.0	..
European Bond Acc	179.9	189.0	+2.4	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	415.5	436.4	+7.6	..
Far East Bd Accum	130.1	136.7	-0.5	..
Gilt Bond Accum	266.3	279.7	+1.0	..
Gold Bond Accum	87.4	91.9	-2.8	..
High Yield Bond	264.5	277.8	+4.9	6.21
Index-Linked Gt Bd	133.5	140.3	+1.0	..
International Bond	399.5	419.5	+3.3	..
Japan Bond Acc	242.3	254.5	-6.4	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	179.8	188.7	-2.8	..
Managed Bonds	492.4	517.1	+10.5	..
Prop Bond Accum	328.9	345.4	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	392.3	412.4	+8.4	..
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY				
0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	205.1	215.9	+5.7	..
Do Accum	240.7	253.4	+6.8	..
Special Sits Fund	200.4	211.0	+6.0	..
Do Accum	235.1	247.5	+5.8	..
North American Fd	132.8	139.8	+0.7	..
Do Accum	155.9	164.2	+1.1	..
Pacific Basin Fund	268.7	282.9	-2.1	..
Do Accum	315.2	331.8	-2.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	214.2	225.5	+1.2	..
Do Accum	251.3	264.6	+1.4	..
Property Fund	141.9	149.4	..	..
Do Accum	166.6	175.4	+0.3	..
Deposit Fund	114.6	120.7	-0.1	..
Do Accum	134.5	141.7	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	197.6	208.1	+2.6	..
Do Accum	231.7	243.9	+2.9	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE				
St Georges Way, Stevenage				
0438 356101				
Managed Fund	426.1	448.5	..	..
Property Fund	361.4	380.4	..	..
Equity Fund	503.4	529.9	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	374.6	394.3	..	..
Deposit Fund	215.9	227.3	..	..
Investment Fund	211.0	221.8	..	..
International Fund	344.3	362.4	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
Leon House, 233 High St Croydon				
01-686 9171				
Property		415.7	+0.1	..
Equity Bond		174.2	+0.7	..
Money Market Bond		313.5	+0.6	..
Deposit Fund		252.9	+0.2	..
Managed Fund		286.1	+0.4	..
Intl Equity		302.5	+0.1	..
Intl Managed		266.6	-0.1	..
North American		116.4	..	..
Far East		259.5	-1.2	..
Intl Currency		172.1	-1.6	..
NM SCHRODER LIFE				
Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
Equity	83.3	87.6	+0.7	..
Fixed Interest	333.2	350.7	+1.9	..
Managed	418.6	440.6	+3.0	..
Deposit	229.2	241.2	+0.3	..
Overseas	237.9	250.4	+3.0	..
Property	337.4	355.1	+0.4	..
American	233.0	245.2	..	..
Australian	263.5	277.3	-6.2	..
European	286.5	301.5	+2.9	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	180.2	189.6	+0.6	..
Global Managed	100.9	106.2	+0.6	..
Income Accum	453.4	477.2	+5.4	..
Do Dist	321.9	338.8	+3.9	..
International	249.2	262.3	+0.8	..
Japan Smaller	282.7	297.6	-2.8	..
Singapore & Mal	127.3	134.0	-2.1	..
Smaller Companies	377.4	397.2	+0.8	..
Tokyo Fund	451.0	474.7	-3.9	..
UK Equity	365.0	384.2	+4.5	..
CCM Vang'd Mgd	406.6	428.0	+4.7	..
Equity Pension Cap	580.1	610.6	+6.3	..
Overseas Pension	266.4	280.4	+4.3	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200				
Managed	287.0	302.2	+2.1	..
UK Equity	356.1	374.9	+4.9	..
Overseas Equity	267.9	282.1	+0.3	..
Americas	209.5	220.6	+1.5	..
Far East	321.4	338.4	-4.3	..
Property	187.1	197.0	+0.4	..
Fixed Interest	213.8	225.1	+1.2	..
Indexed Gilt	121.3	127.7	+0.4	..
Deposit	142.3	149.8	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG				
0603 622200				
Managed Fund	731.9	770.5	+8.3	..
Equity Fund	£14.39	15.15	+0.16	..
Property Fund (3)	400.4	421.5	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	382.1	402.3	+3.1	..
Deposit Fund (3)	221.8	233.5	+0.2	..
Intl Fund (30)	127.4	134.2	-0.1	..
Unit-Linked Plus	841.2		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE				
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB				
01 831-1857				
Inv Prop Dist	176.3	185.6	+2.0	..
Do Accum	285.5	300.6	+3.1	..
Inv Equity	649.8	684.1	+14.4	..
Inv Managed	467.4	492.0	+7.8	..
Pnl Managed	441.1	464.4	+6.8	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE				
4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER				
01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	386.4	406.9	+4.0	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	329.4	350.5	-18.5	..
PROPERTY GROWTH				
Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU				
01-680 0606				
Property Fund	396.7		+0.1	..
Property Fund (A)	380.8		+0.1	..
Agricultural Fund	491.4		..	..
Agric Fund (A)	472.3		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund	300.3		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	319.7		+0.2	..
Investment Fund	209.3		+1.7	..
Investment Fund (A)	202.7		+1.5	..
Equity Fund	743.5		+8.9	..
Equity (A)	721.8		+8.6	..
Money Fund	302.7		+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)	283.4		+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund	350.4		+3.0	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	259.5		+1.6	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	259.5		+1.6	..
Retire Annuity	737.2		..	..
Immed Annuity	302.5		..	..
International Fund	391.2		+1.8	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	150.6		+0.1	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL				
30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG				
01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	187.7	198.0	+2.7	..
Fixed Interest Acc	137.0	144.6	+0.1	..
International Accum	131.6	138.9	+0.1	..
Managed Accum	143.5	151.3	+0.6	..
Property Accum	214.7	226.5	-0.2	..
Money Accum	101.2	106.8	..	..
Special Mkt Accum	103.5	109.2	-0.7	..
Japan Growth Acc	138.7	146.4	-1.1	..
N Amer Accum	92.8	97.9	+0.8	..
Pacific Accum	74.1	78.2	-1.5	..
Technology Accum	109.4	115.5	+0.8	..
Natural Res Accum	61.5	64.9	-0.6	..
Japan Grwth Accum	217.4	229.4	-2.1	..
European Accum	75.4	79.6	+0.3	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA				
01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	282.8	297.7	+1.9	..
Managed Initial	232.8	245.1	+1.4	..
Equity Ord	392.3	412.9	+4.0	..
Equity Init	323.0	340.0	+3.1	..
Indxd-Linkd Gilt Ord	123.1	129.6	+0.4	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	105.9	111.5	+0.3	..
Oseas Equity Ord	257.8	271.4	+0.7	..
Oseas Equity Initial	212.2	223.4	+0.3	..
Property Ord	172.4	181.5	+0.1	..
Property Initial	142.0	149.5	..	..
Fixed Int Ord	168.6	177.5	+1.0	..
Fixed Int Initial	138.8	146.1	+0.6	..
Deposit Ord	136.1	143.3	+0.2	..
Deposit Initial	112.0	117.9	+0.1	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE				
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria				
0539 23415				
Managed Fund	508.4	536.6	+4.0	..
Cash Fund	220.3	232.2	..	..
Property Fund	267.5	281.9	..	..
Equity Fund	555.9	585.8	+8.2	..
Fxd Interest Fund	281.2	296.4	-0.1	..
International	250.5	264.0	+0.6	..
High Income	394.8	415.9	+1.5	..
Far East	350.5	369.4	-8.4	..
North American	219.5	231.3	+0.7	..
Special Sits	502.6	529.7	+7.3	..
Technology	221.4	233.3	+1.3	..
Extra Income Fund	236.5	249.3	+5.4	..
Gilt Fund 20	289.6	305.1	-1.9	..
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH				
01-405 9222				
Managed	204.5	213.1	+1.3	..
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD				
30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB				
01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	430.2	452.8	+3.8	..
Equity Fund	856.6	901.7	+11.8	..
Intl Fund	297.6	313.3	+1.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	361.2	380.3	+1.4	..
Property Fund	345.7	363.9	+0.5	..
Cash Fund	240.5	253.2	+0.3	..
Pacific Basin Fd	166.2	175.0	-2.4	..
N American Fd	124.7	131.3	+2.1	..
Euro Fund	128.5	135.3	+2.1	..
Balanced Fund	100.1	105.4	+1.0	..
Strategic Fund	100.2	105.6	..	..
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO				
55-57 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU				
01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	275.1	289.5	+2.6	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	330.2	347.5	+4.1	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	379.1	399.0	+1.5	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	233.0	245.2	+1.4	..
Series 2 Money Fd	168.8	177.6	+0.2	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	227.5	239.4	+0.3	..
Tulip Invest Fund	274.2	288.6	+4.8	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	346.6	364.8	+3.4	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	239.8	252.4	+2.3	..
Do Accum	284.3	299.2	+2.9	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD				
20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX				
01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	432.98		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	432.8	455.6	..	..
Op 8 Prop	382.1	402.3	+1.7	..
Op 8 Equity	700.0	736.9	+20.6	..
Op 8 High Yield	339.7	357.6	+2.1	..
Op 8 Managed	535.5	563.7	+11.6	..
Op 8 Deposit	259.7	273.4	+0.2	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	87.9	92.6	+0.2	8.75
Amer Smaller	96.9	102.0	+0.6	..
Commodity	72.2	76.1	-1.3	..
Extra Inc	142.1	149.6	+3.4	..
Far East	140.7	148.2	-2.1	..
Fnl Secs	150.1	158.1	+3.8	..
Gold Gen	37.7	39.7	-2.0	..
Inc Gth	219.9	231.5	+2.3	..
Intl Fund	138.8	146.2	-0.3	..
Japan Perf	236.6	249.1	-2.4	..
Japan Smlr	145.9	153.6	-1.6	..
Natl High	209.4	220.6	-2.2	..
Prop Shs	179.8	189.3	+0.4	..
Intl Recovery	196.8	207.2	-1.8	..
Smaller Cos	273.8	288.3	+7.5	..
Univ Energy	55.9	58.9	-1.0	..
World Tech	100.8	106.2	-0.6	..
Managed Gth	165.5	174.3	-0.1	..
Gilt	80.4	84.7	..	..
Hong Kong	65.0	68.5	-1.5	..
Aust Gth	56.5	59.5	-2.6	..
Amer (36.34)	119.1	125.4	+1.5	..
Australian	57.7	60.8	-0.8	..
British	167.9	176.8	+6.2	..
Commodity	110.0	116.0	-4.1	..
Extra Inc	185.8	195.6	+1.8	..
Far Eastern	218.9	228.4	-1.3	..
Intl Fixed Int	81.6	85.9	-1.5	..
Global (36.34)	262.9	276.8	-0.8	..
Gold Share	47.9	50.5	-3.3	..
High Income	244.4	257.3	+1.3	..
Income	310.2	326.6	+6.7	..
Japan	271.9	286.3	-3.7	..
Oil Energy	141.8	149.3	+1.9	..
Special Sits	248.2	258.2	+5.3	..
UK Smlr Co's	272.6	287.0	+2.1	..
Man Growth	275.6	290.2	+0.1	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS				
051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	548.8	580.7	+6.6	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	223.8	235.5	+2.8	..
Equity Fund	279.7	294.4	+5.7	..
Property Fund	202.5	213.1	+2.2	..
International Fund	278.7	293.3	+1.8	..
Pacific Basin Fund	190.8	200.8	-2.0	..
United States Fund	126.1	132.7	+3.1	..
Gilt Fund	189.4	299.8	..	..
SAVE & PROSPER				
1, Finsbury Ave London,EC2M 2QY				
0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	461.2	488.1	+0.4	..
Deposit Fund (2)	245.3	258.6	+0.3	..
Gilt Fund	318.7	335.2	+2.0	..
Global Equity Fund	137.2	149.2	+0.2	..
Property Fund (46)	78.5	81.0a	..	..
AG Bond Fund	97.3	103.0	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow				
041-248 2323				
Equity	367.8	387.2	+4.2	..
Fixed Interest	215.5	226.9	+1.5	..
International	241.3	254.0	+2.1	..
Property	191.7	201.8	+0.1	..
Cash	152.3	160.4	+0.2	..
Managed	282.3	297.2	+2.6	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF				
031 556 9101				
Cash	115.1	121.2	+0.09	..
Index-Linked	97.0	102.2	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	119.2	125.5	+0.9	..
Mixed	141.8	149.3	+0.8	..
UK Equity	133.0	140.0	+1.0	..
International	149.0	156.9	-0.2	..
American	110.1	115.9	+0.8	..
Japan	202.1	212.8	-3.0	..
European	143.1	150.7	+1.3	..
Pacific	183.9	193.6	-1.7	..
Technology	135.0	142.2	+0.5	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	139.9	147.3	+0.4	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE				
031-225 2211				
Property	154.2	162.4	+0.1	..
UK Equity	193.3	203.6●	+1.5	..
American	139.1	146.5●	+0.9	..
Pacific	201.9	212.6●	-3.1	..
European	228.9	241.1	+3.5	..
International	168.3	177.2	+0.5	..
Fixed Interest	135.8	143.0	+0.8	..
Index Linked	121.1	127.6	+0.5	..
Deposit	124.8	131.5	+0.1	..
Managed	162.7	171.4	+0.6	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£10.08	10.39	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS				
109, St Vincent St, Glasgow				
041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	138.4	145.7	+0.8	..
Growth Fund	146.0	153.7	+0.6	..
Opportunity Fund	145.6	153.3	+0.4	..
Cash Fund	115.2	121.3	+0.2	..
European Fund	171.5	180.6	+2.9	..
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	119.4	125.5	+1.1	..
Index-Linked Fund	109.7	115.5	+0.7	..
International Fund	153.1	161.2	+0.6	..
North American Fd	113.5	119.5	+0.3	..
Property Fund	118.8	125.1	+0.1	..
UK Equity	150.7	158.7	+1.2	..
UK Smaller	194.9	205.2	+0.3	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031-556 9181				
Mixed	162.3	170.9	-0.2	..
Equity	169.2	178.2	-0.3	..
International	167.9	176.8	-0.9	..
Property	197.9	208.4	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	128.2	135.1	+0.4	..
Index Linked	108.0	113.8	+1.0	..
Cash	125.9	132.6	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU				
031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	507.3		..	..
Inv Pol 2	467.0	491.7	..	..
Inv Pol 3	453.6	477.6	..	..
Inv Cash	200.7	211.3	..	..
Mixed Fund	272.7	287.2	+2.8	..
Equity Fund	324.0	341.2	+6.3	..
Property Fund	197.6	208.3	+0.1	..
International Fund	258.4	272.1	-3.8	..
Fixed Interest Fund	210.0	221.1	+1.4	..
Indexed Stock Fund	120.8	127.3	+0.7	..
Cash Fund	147.6	155.4	+0.2	..
SKANDIA LIFE				
Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX				
0703 334411				
Managed Accum	231.8	244.0	+2.4	..
Equity Accum	276.2	290.7	+5.0	..
International Accum	221.4	233.0	+1.3	..
Property	188.2	195.9	+2.5	..
Royal Trust Mngd	149.6	157.4	+4.6	..
Britannia Mngd	120.4	126.7	+0.3	..
Framlington Mngd	141.3	148.7	+1.0	..
Gartmore Mngd	151.5	159.4	+0.5	..
Henderson Mngd	145.0	162.6	+1.8	..
TSB Managed	130.1	136.9	+1.0	..
North European	179.4	188.8	+2.0	..
Pacific	174.3	183.4	-1.8	..
Intl Recovery	152.5	160.5	-0.4	..
Gilt Plus Accum	194.4	204.6	+1.3	..
North American	115.9	121.9	+0.7	..
Deposit	175.6	184.8	+0.2	..
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO				
3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
031-225-2552				
Cash	176.7	186.1	+0.2	..
Equity	512.9	539.8	+8.2	..
European	80.5	84.8	+1.4	..
Far East	107.5	113.2	-2.1	..
Fixed Interest	242.4	255.2	+7.9	..
Index Linked	125.4	132.1	+0.5	..
International	350.4	368.9	-0.2	..
Managed	377.5	397.4	+3.9	..
Nth American	78.8	83.0	+0.9	..
Property	245.7	258.7	+0.2	..
Pension Funds				
Cash	237.1	249.6	+0.4	..
Equity	682.2	718.2	+7.9	..
Fixed Interest	286.9	302.0	+2.8	..
Index Linked	162.8	171.4	+0.6	..
International	486.2	511.8	..	..
Managed	494.7	520.8	+4.0	..
Property	300.2	316.0	+0.3	..
Stock Exchange	110.2	116.1	+1.0	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 64141				
Managed Fund	396.0	416.9	+3.2	..
Equity Fund	515.9	543.1	+6.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	284.6	299.6	+1.9	..
Index Linked Fund	187.5	197.4	+0.4	..
Property Fund	359.9	378.9	+0.2	..
International Fund	355.1	373.8	+1.8	..
N American Fund	109.6	115.4	+1.2	..
Far East Fund	188.8	198.8	-2.5	..
Deposit Fund	195.5	205.8	+0.1	..
International Bond	£45.21		+0.95	..
Worldwide Bond	..			..
Worldwide Fincl	81.8	86.2	+0.3	..
Worldwide Tech	81.0	85.3	+0.1	..
European	84.4	88.9	+1.6	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing:0256-841414				
Growth Account	823.6		-1.6	..
Managed Account	457.3		+3.1	..
Equity Account	617.2		+5.9	..
Mngd Fund Accum	221.2	232.8	+1.5	..
Equity Fund Accum	278.0	292.7	+2.7	..
Prop Fund Accum	207.3	218.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	180.5	190.0	+0.2	..
Intl Fund Accum	274.2	288.6	+4.8	..
Money Fund Accum	145.2	152.8	+0.2	..
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	128.4	135.2	+1.3	..
Pens Pens Account	931.5		..	..
Pens Mngd Account	433.5	456.4	..	..
Pens Guarantee	134.8	141.9	..	..
Pens Equity	160.0	168.5	..	..
Pens Property	164.3	173.0	..	..
Pens Fixed Int	144.8	152.5	..	..
Pens Intl	125.6	132.2	..	..
Pens Money	133.4	140.5	..	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	111.3	117.2	..	..
SUN LIFE UNIT				
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL				
0272 426911				
Managed Accum	479.2	504.5	+4.1	..
Property Accum	296.7	312.4	+1.0	..
Equity Accum	678.8	714.8	+9.2	..
Fixed Int Accum	232.3	244.6	+1.7	..
Index-Linked Accum	117.1	123.3	+0.7	..
Cash Accum	201.4	212.0	+0.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	191.9	202.0	+2.2	..
US Bonds Accum	119.9	126.3	+0.7	..
Japan Accum	268.5	282.7	-1.8	..
Pacific Accum	134.2	141.3	-2.8	..
Far Eastern Accum	429.3	451.9	-10.7	..
International Accum	305.2	321.3	-0.1	..
US Dollar Accum	93.0	97.9	+0.4	..
Yen Accum	131.2	138.2	+0.4	..
Euro Cur Accum	116.0	122.2	+0.3	..
Distribution Fund	210.9	222.1	+0.8	7.59
European	96.3	101.4	+1.4	..
TSB LIFE LTD				
Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG				
0264 56789				
Managed Fund	163.8	172.6	+2.0	..
Property Fund	143.2	150.8	+1.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	142.7	150.3	+0.7	..
Money Fund	131.0	138.0	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	209.2	220.3	+2.9	..
TARGET LIFE				
Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks				
Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	97.6	102.8	+0.3	..
Australian	25.1	26.5	-1.4	..
Commodity	84.0	88.5	-1.7	..
Deposit	170.2	179.2	+0.1	..
Residential Prop	103.0	104.3	..	..
Financial	197.3	207.7	+2.0	..
Fixed Interest	198.0	208.4	-0.4	..
Gold	75.9	79.9	-3.1	..
Income	253.3	266.7	+2.8	..
International Equity	246.3	259.3	+3.7	..
Japan	308.5	324.8	-7.9	..
Convertible	99.9	105.2	-1.0	..
Managed	380.9	401.0	+5.2	..
International Bond	89.5	94.3●	-0.1	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	162.6	171.2	-4.4	..
Preference	186.9	196.8	-3.7	..
Property	321.3	338.3	+0.4	..
Special Situations	192.3	202.5	+0.5	..
Sterling	8.3		..	..
Technology	71.6	75.4	+0.4	..
UK Equity	548.1	576.9	-4.9	..
World Income	144.3	151.9	-2.4	..
Euro Situations	126.4	133.1	+0.8	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE				
401, St John Street,				
E London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	367.6		..	..
UK Equity	244.8	257.8	+1.4	..
N American Equity	166.5	175.2	-0.6	..
Far East Equity	297.0	312.6	-4.3	..
Fixed	184.1	193.8	-0.7	..
Cash Deposit	137.1	144.3	+0.1	..
Property	123.3	129.8	-0.1	..
Special Opp	337.2	355.0	+1.2	..
Managed	219.4	231.0	-0.7	..
Index-Linked Fd	117.9	124.1	+0.6	..
Star Mngd 2	214.5	225.7	+0.6	..
Star Mngd 3	223.2	235.0	-0.4	..
Star Mngd 4	206.5	217.3	+0.8	..
Star Mngd 5	204.6	215.4	+0.2	..

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

FAMILY MONEY

Jitters on house prices

Fall on the way, say the experts

House prices in London and the South-East are actually about to fall.

After months in which the pundits have been warning of a slow-down in house price rises, the latest round of mortgage increases that has boosted loan rates to 12.75 per cent, 13 per cent and more has brought predictions of actual reductions.

Evelyn Brodie, of merchant bank Morgan Grenfell, believes house prices in London, the South-East, East Anglia and other pockets that have seen spectacular price gains are set to fall by 10 per cent. She says: "A 10 per cent adjustment is necessary to bring them into line with earnings. We don't know when house price inflation nationwide will hit zero, but we estimate it will be within the next six months.

"Then house prices will be stable for the next two years."

Although Morgan Grenfell expects actual price falls in the South-East, these will represent large falls in real prices if inflation is taken into account. But in the rest of the country, although actual prices may not drop, there will still be a drop in real terms.

Historically we have always been better off when rates rise as we had more savings than borrowings at variable rates. But since 1986 that has changed, and last year the personal sector was a net debtor on variable rate assets to the tune of £17 billion. More than two-thirds of personal debt is mortgages.

So Mrs Brodie believes that a squeeze is on the way as mortgage providers worry about their security.

Donald Franklin, an economist at Schroders, also believes house prices are set to fall. "They are so far out of line with reality," he says.

But he does not expect prices to fall for a few months until the impact of higher mortgage rates has been felt.

More than a third of borrowers have mortgages that are adjusted annually.

Nationwide Anglia, whose new higher rates will be felt in February, believes that this shift in the amount people pay will trigger the slow-down in house price rises.

Nationwide expects the overall rises for 1988 to be around 20 per cent followed by a downward drift next year.

At the Halifax, where the rises take effect in April, the corporate planner Gary Marsh is forecasting overall house price rises next year of 10 per cent. "But it could be in single figures if base rates rise further," he says. "However, there will be falls in some localities such as Docklands."

He does *not* believe that house prices will actually tumble as they have done in West Germany and The Netherlands. In those countries there is a large rented sector, so when confidence in house prices is shaken people sell their homes and move into rented accommodation.

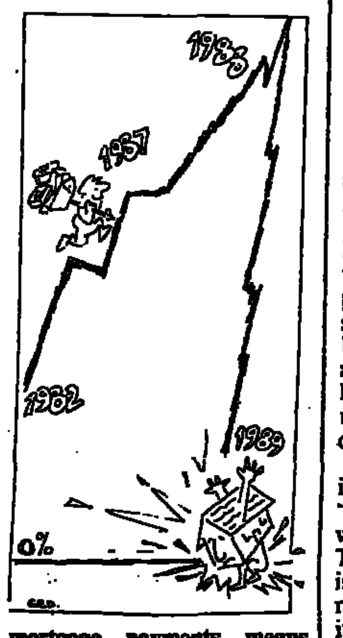
In Britain, which has so little rented property, people delay their move and the market for houses becomes sluggish but prices do not actually fall.

Building society commitments last month fell to their lowest level since January. The societies pledged to lend 25 per cent less in August than in July, as the impact of higher interest rates and the ending of multiple mortgage tax relief was much greater than the normal seasonal effect of summer holidays.

The Building Societies Association believes Britain may be over the peak in the housing market cycle.

There are many apocryphal stories about people who have sold their homes and moved into rented property — one even concerns the finance director of a public company whose view on property prices was so strong that he decided to sell up to await the tumble.

The annual adjustment to mortgage payments means that home-owners will feel a steep rise. Mortgages rates at the Halifax, for instance, were 10.3 per cent at the beginning of the year, then went down to 9.8 per cent in March, and back up to 11.5 per cent in August, before the rise to 12.75 per cent, which takes effect on October 1.



The Halifax, along with several other building societies, including the Abbey National, offers a 0.5 percentage point reduction for those with loans of £60,000 and higher.

Vivien Goldsmith

The man who is gambling on prices holding up, page 26

The prof with his eye on money

If you have your minds on higher things — such as a 13 per cent mortgage rate — I bring tidings of great joy, *writes Maggie Drummond*. Interest rates will be down by January, private investors will be venturing back into the stock market in 18 months, and we shall all be wondering what the fuss was about.

These are not my predictions, but the views of Dr Alec Chrystal, the newly installed National Westminster Professor of Personal Finance at the City University, London — Britain's first personal finance professor.

So what does a professor of personal finance do? Dr Chrystal has a course for undergraduates and another for postgraduates taking economics or business courses. Personal finance is not a core subject. His courses will be options for budding bankers studying such things as personal savings behaviour, ignored as an academic subject until now and introduced presumably so that they can eventually make even more money out of us than they already do. But 48-year-old Professor Chrystal points out: "The course is not about advising people to invest their money."

He was Professor of Economics at Sheffield University before taking up his present appointment. He started his career at Essex University, and he still seems amazed that the young people he teaches nowadays actually *want* to be bank managers and chartered accountants.

"We'll be looking at trends in personal savings," he said. "What really interests me is why, in 1979 when Mrs Thatcher became Prime Minister, the personal savings ratio was 16 per cent and now it is only 4 per cent — despite the fact that we are supposed to be living in the era of the private capitalist and savings have been encouraged."

I suggested meekly that we were all spending too much, but apparently it is not as simple as that. The problem is that we keep measuring savings as a proportion of income. We completely ignore wealth, which for most of us is the amount of equity we have tucked up in our houses.

Dr Chrystal believes we are still a little puritanical about money. Take, for instance, the way pundits have been attacking the easy availability of credit as if it were some terrible moral sickness about which something should be done. Dr Chrystal points out that 80 per cent of all consumer borrowing is secured against property — hardly irresponsible lending from an institution's point of view.

He is dead against tampering with market forces by reinstituting credit restrictions. "No institution is in business to lend to people who can't pay, is it?" he says. However, he confesses himself baffled by consumers who are prepared to pay interest rates of up to 30 per cent on credit cards.

"Anyone who moans about the new freedom in financial matters ought to think back to how awful it used to be in the 1960s and 1970s, when it was hard to get a loan," he says.

Dr Chrystal thinks we regard economics as we do the weather — something is always wrong. If the pound is low it is bad news. If it is high, then it is still bad news.

He almost managed to persuade me that high mortgage rates were good news, as they showed that the market was really working. This is the kind of optimism you find in the United States.

"Yes, it's quite noticeable," he said. "If I get an invitation to lecture from an American university they write and say how much money they will pay. When you get an invitation from a British university they offer you 'their usual consideration'."

Professor Chrystal: "High mortgage rates are good news"

What things would you choose in your perfect pension?

Your Pension Benefit	Yes	No
Retire on maximum salary Live well...		
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4. Collect a healthy cheque and a wealthy pension...	☐	☐
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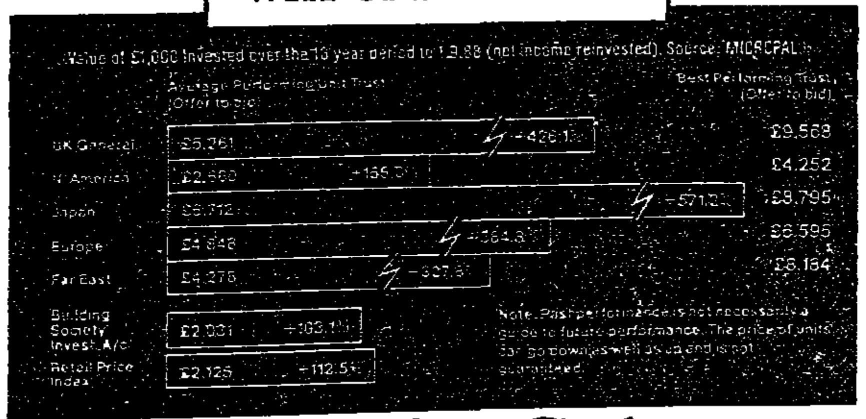

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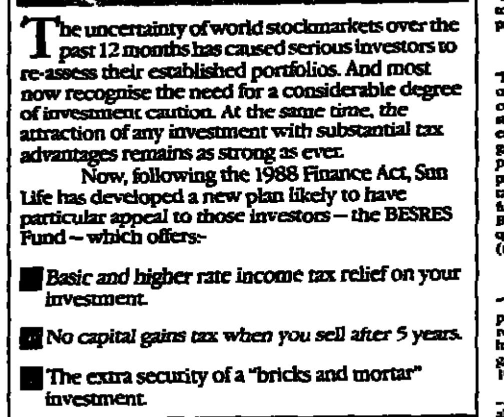

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* The 1988 Finance Act was passed on 29th July 1988.
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"The Business Expansion Scheme has been a must in the portfolio of any sophisticated investor for the last five years. Tax relief on good investment opportunities at the investor's highest marginal rate of income tax and the absence of capital gains tax on the profits from shares issued after Budget Day 1986 always seemed a too good an opportunity to pass up...

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DIY chain-breaking

SIMON ELLIS tells how he was stuck in one of those notorious property chains – and how he bought two houses instead of one to get things moving

The bank manager said it was "extremely unusual but it seems to make good financial sense". I was asking him to lend me £65,000 so that I could complete the house-selling chain in which I was stranded by buying the house at the bottom of it all and immediately reselling it.

The newly built house I really wanted, in Great Chesterford, near Cambridge, had been finished for some time. The builder's patience was wearing thin and the third deadline for exchanging contracts on its purchase was now less than two weeks away.

The chain appeared jinxed. At one point we had even reached the day for exchanging contracts, only to find that the pathetically ill-informed, first-time buyers had arrived at their solicitor's office without enough money to proceed. They pulled out, even though the other members of the chain offered to make up the £1,700 shortfall. A hurried attempt at reselling the property ground to a halt when the vendor went on holiday.

After six months, three estate agents, four buyers for my house and the loss of my initial target house because I had been gazumped to the tune of £10,000, I just could not face starting all over again. But if I failed to meet the builder's final deadline he would quite reasonably put the house back on the market.

The price would rise by £10,000 – in line with the rest of the Cambridge area where values have shot up by as much as 50 per cent so far this year. That would put it far beyond my reach.

The other obvious alternative was a bridging loan, but the costs were frightening – £1,100 to set up, plus interest charges of £1,600 a month. It would be expensive enough if it ran for two months, but financially crippling if the sort of delays already experienced spun matters out for six months or more.

The dual purchaser: Simon Ellis at the house he bought to make sure of meeting a deadline

I decided that it would be far less risky to buy the house at the bottom of the chain and sell it immediately. The higher price I could get would offset at least some of the costs of the transaction. Because it was a first-time buyer's house, there would be no problems with chains.

Vendor thought he was being conned

In fact, the idea proved a little too unusual for the vendor. He refused to sell me his flat, apparently thinking some elaborate confidence trick was being worked that might leave him destitute. Undeterred, I bought the next house up the chain, which turned out to be better value and situated on the same estate in Bishop's Stortford.

But borrowing the money proved difficult. My own bank would put up the cash only if it also provided my mortgage, on terms that I did not like.

Other banks would not touch an open-ended bridging loan to someone who was not a customer – so much for all these advertisments suggesting banks are desperate for our custom. I did find a loan company specializing in bridging loans but its terms were pretty steep – 1.25 per cent to set up and interest at 4.5 percentage points over base rate.

Eventually I approached the Cambridge branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland, where the assistant manager actually listened to my tortuous logic. He agreed to lend the money, provided I transferred my business to his bank, including a hefty deposit to cover the interest charges.

The terms were 1 per cent to set up, and interest at 3 points over base rate. That meant the cost of buying and selling the Bishop's Stortford house was about £3,500. It was made up as follows:

- **Loan arrangement, £650**
- **Legal fees, £650**
- **Stamp duty, £675**
- **Land Registry, £200**
- **Estate agents, £1,300**

Time was crucial, given that the costs of holding the house would be around £810 a month. I found myself in the curious position of trying to explain to estate agents that I wanted to sell a house that I did not yet own.

It went on the market the day after I exchanged contracts to buy it, with the vendors sportingly agreeing to show people around on my behalf. One woman viewed it twice – raising hopes that I might sell it before I completed its purchase. That would have given the lawyers something to get their teeth into. Sadly, she found somewhere else.

The agents believe the house should fetch £74,950, nearly £7,500 more than the £67,500 price I paid for it. Deducting the £3,500 costs leaves around £4,000 to pay for any interest charges. That means the first five months are covered, taking me up to the middle of next February.

Lower risk for the first-time buyers

The string of increases in interest rates and the impact on the housing market hardly help matters. Indeed, I would be pretty worried if I were trying to sell a larger house quickly in the present climate.

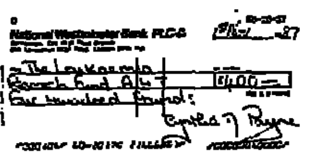
But I believe the risk is less at the first-time buyer end of the market. After all, mortgage rates still are not much higher than last year's levels and that seems unlikely to stop people wanting their own home.

Chequing in for charity

The British Cheque Collectors' Society and the autioneers Phillips are putting a rum collection of cheques under the hammer next Friday in aid of leukaemia research, *writes Vivien Goldsmith.*

A letter and cheque for £400 for the Leukaemia Research Fund, written by Cynthia Payne, who shot to infamy during the Luncheon Vouchers-for-sex court case, is perhaps the most surprising of the lots on offer.

The letter is written on notepaper with a bold LV insignia, a drawing of a topless woman with a whip and a man with horns. It is being sold, along with a cheque for £5,000, written by John Paul Getty Jnr.



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Cynthia Payne's contribution

The lot is expected to raise £175, while a cheque written on cricket bat autographed by Ian Botham is expected to make £270.

The Great British Cheque-out is part of a serious sale of scripophily and paper money. It includes a Vauxhall Bridge Company share certificate with a large copper seal depicting the proposed bridge. This is expected to sell for between £500 and £700.

Sotheby's is also holding a banknotes, coins, bonds and historical medals sale on the same day. The sales, which are being held at different times, coincide with the International Banknote Society meeting in London.

Among the notes on sale at Sotheby's will be one of the last provincial banknotes to be issued – a £5 note from the Wellington Bank, Somerset, dated March 1, 1921, and produced by Fox Fowler & Co. It is being sold as part of a lot with seven other banknotes of earlier dates, and is expected to make £500.

There is also a South Sea Co power of attorney for £200 worth of stock, dated 1714. This large and impressive document, which is expected to make up to £1,000, was virtually worthless nine years after it was issued, when the South Sea bubble burst.

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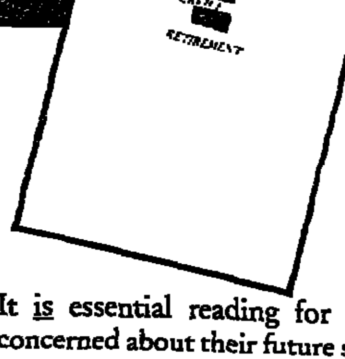

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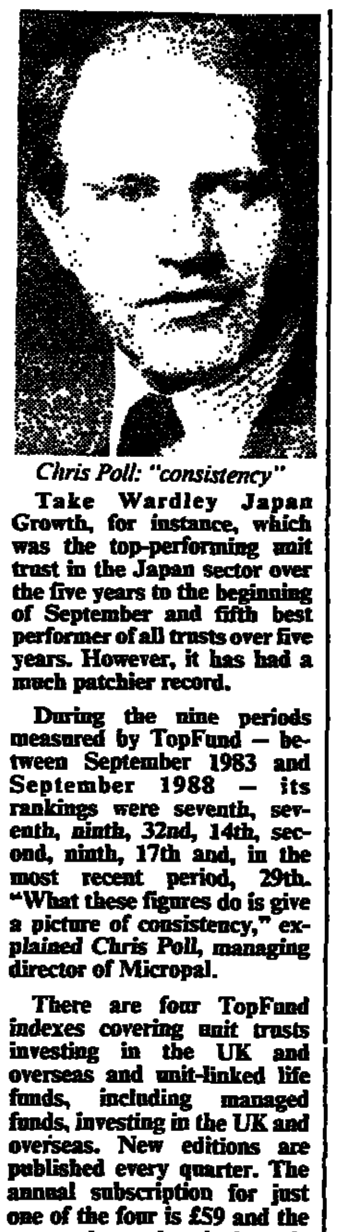

Chris Poll: "consistency"

Hands up all those who have bought into a unit trust or life insurance fund on a tip from a friend, or because they liked the look of an advertisement, *writes Maria Scott.*

Deciding which unit trust or life fund will do well is not easy, and an element of gambling is always involved. However, CityWard, a subsidiary of financial services group, British & Commonwealth, has launched a service for private investors that should reduce nail-biting over financial decision-making.

CityWard's TopFund Investors Index draws on *statistics* from Micropal, the computerized data base service best known for its unit trust performance statistics. But Micropal admits that although its statistics can show gains over certain periods, and highlight trends in sector performance, they cannot tell you which trusts are performing consistently well against their sector.

TopFund analyses performance over the past five years in nine periods. For every period, investors are told how their investment has fared in percentage terms and its sector ranking is. Once a fund has been at, or near, the top of its sector during the past 12 months, and the period before this as well, it will probably continue in this position for some time.

Many fund managers will be feeling more than a little sick when they see what the TopFund Index says about their products. Funds that have shown up well in Micropal's standard performance tables can look much less appealing when measured by TopFund.

Take Wardley Japan Growth, for instance, which was the top-performing unit trust in the Japan sector over the five years to the beginning of September and fifth best performer of all trusts over five years. However, it has had a much patchier record.

During the nine periods measured by TopFund — between September 1983 and September 1988 — its rankings were seventh, seventh, *ninth*, 32*nd*, 14th, second, ninth, 17th and, in the most recent period, 29th. "What these figures do is give a picture of consistency," explained Chris Poll, managing director of Micropal.

There are four TopFund indexes covering unit trusts investing in the UK and overseas and unit-linked life funds, including managed funds, investing in the UK and overseas. New editions are published every quarter. The annual subscription for just one of the four is £59 and the quarterly subscription is £17.50. The complete set costs £236 a year.

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Costs that went Bang

Private investors have come to accept that, for them, direct investment in stocks and shares has become more expensive, despite the promise initially offered by Big Bang, the deregulation of the stock market in October 1986.

The usual explanation is that before Big Bang private investors were pampered by the fixed rates of commission, and were being subsidized heavily by the big institutions. Post Big-Bang, brokers competed heavily for institutional business, with commission rates dropping rapidly for the big boys.

Correspondingly, the costs of dealing for individuals have risen, in some cases sharply. In theory, private investors should have been able to benefit from the lower charges levied on institutions by dealing instead, for instance, through unit trusts.

Institutional dealing costs of perhaps 0.55 per cent before Big Bang are now probably around 0.25 per cent for the average fund manager. The more cynical investors will not have been surprised that unit trust charges did not drop in the wake of Big Bang. If there was any benefit to the fund managers, it was not passed on to unit-holders.

Many must ask for permission first

In fact, two years after Big Bang, some of the unit trust groups are increasing their charges — among them Abbey, Citicorp, Equitable, Fidelity, FS Investment, Gartmore, Legal & General, MLA, Providence, Prudential and Scottish Provident.

Although some groups are able to raise their charges within a certain limit without reference to unit-holders, many must first ask permission. Hill Samuel, for instance, is now asking its unitholders for permission to increase the initial charge from 5 to 6 per cent, and the annual management charge from 1 to 1.5 per cent "in order to maintain the standards of fund management that clients look to us for", according to the company.

Michael Short, director and general manager of Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers, claims that, for his group, dealing costs have not really gone down. Before Big Bang stockbrokers gave fund managers many of the things they needed free of charge. Now they have to pay for it.

The big bugbear, though, as in so many other areas of investment at present, is the all-pervading Financial Services Act.

"I support investor protection," says Mr Short. "But there is an inevitable cost to the investor. It is a little like an insurance premium. The Financial Services Act is forcing us to put all our charges up front. Nothing can be hidden. Costs that were formerly borne by the fund management company must now be borne by the investor."

The abolition of "rounding-up profits" is one part of this. Companies are also no longer allowed to "deal for the box", creating units and then profiting from selling them to *investors later as prices rise.*

Although all unit trust groups will admit that rounding was formerly quite important to them, none will admit that the box was ever a major source of income, although many insist that their competitors profited greatly from it.

The business of complying with the regulations of the Act is also an important consideration. As Mr Short points out, the necessity for unit trust companies to send out cancellation notices accompanying contract notes has doubled the paperwork on every deal.

Prudential Holborn is another group that has raised its charges. Prudential's spokesman claims that running a unit trust has simply become much more expensive, partly as a result of compliance and partly because of the ending of rounding profits.

But the company also frankly admits that the lower level of investor interest in unit trusts at the moment has a part to play in the decision to increase its charges.

Philip Chappell, of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, merely rubs his hands with glee at such reasoning. "It seems to me that unit trusts are making a classic marketing error by increasing charges because volumes are lower," he said. "They should, on the contrary, be decreasing costs to tempt investors."

Michael Short: no reduction

With all the zeal of a missionary bringing the word to the as yet unenlightened masses, he continued: "Investment trusts, of course, have always operated as low-cost producers and their savings schemes are increasingly recognized as the cheap entry point for those wanting to hold equities.

"It is a statistical certainty that if buying a portfolio of shares costs four times as much as an identical portfolio initially, and if the annual fee is 1 per cent higher, then that investor is going to underperform."

There certainly seems to be a glaring difference between many unit trusts and those investment trusts that have set up savings schemes and may have an annual management fee of just 0.5 per cent and in-and-out transaction costs of only 2 per cent.

The association is also looking into the practicality of offering a retail trading service in investment trust shares, so that investors in all funds would have no need of the services of a stockbroker, but that is some way off.

Not all unit trust companies are following the same route. Jonathan Overland says that Royal Trust, where he is marketing executive, felt it was unfair that investors had to pay the 3 per cent commission that would go to intermediaries, even if they approached the company directly.

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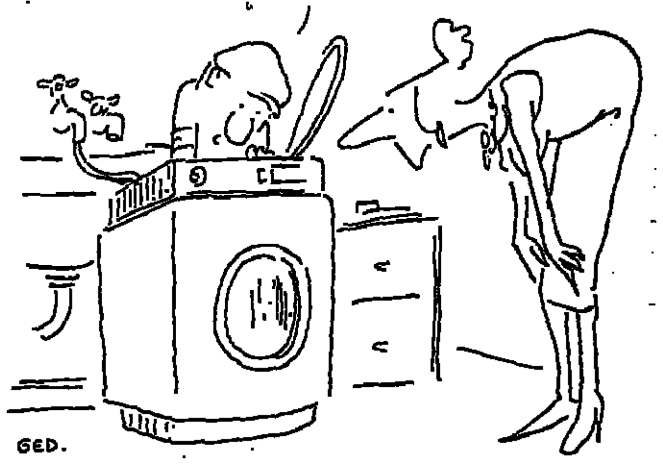
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When you buy a household appliance the sales staff will try to sell you one "indispensable extra" – extended warranty insurance. But this sort of policy, which covers the cost of repairing your new video recorder or dishwasher once the original manufacturer's guarantee expires, may soon be given away.

Barclaycard is to offer free extended warranty insurance – at present being test-marketed to 250,000 card-holders – early next year.

The Consumers' Association is sceptical about the value of buying extended warranty cover. A spokesman said: "We have done a lot of research comparing the reliability of goods against the premiums charged. For most appliances, it is simply not worthwhile financially."

This form of cover can sometimes even be a bad deal. Policies are often full of exclusion clauses. One common get-out is "fair wear and tear". If your dishwasher breaks down and the maintenance people decide it has failed because parts have worn out, you may not be covered. You may then have a fight on your hands to prove that the problem was due to badly made parts – and decide that the repair bill does not merit going to law.

Another common exclusion is user negligence. Your washing machine may stop working because a small garment is blocking the drain hose, but the warranty company might then point out that the instructions advise extra care when putting very small items into the machine.

Warranty insurers argue that you would have had to pay for these repairs anyway. But the snag is that some extended warranties demand that you use specified service engineers, and these may be more expensive or more inconvenient than one you would normally call in.

Extending the original one-year cover to five years on a video recorder costs about £80 and you have to pay this premium within one month of buying the appliance.

To decide whether it is worth it, you must balance the likely cost of repairs against the cost of the insurance premium, plus the interest lost on that cash. Put that £80 in a building society at current rates and you will have earned nearly £35 by the end of the five years.

You would have to be unlucky to run up enough service visits to cover that sort of expenditure adequately. Most appliances tend to become unreliable after five years. Most washing machines, for example, start to break down when they are between seven and nine years old. In addition, many appliance makers now offer an automatic, five-year guarantee on the parts, although not on the labour involved in fitting them.

But if you can get cover for nothing, as Barclaycard proposes, it is obviously worthwhile and makes paying for extended warranty cover even more questionable.

If the Barclaycard Buyers and Protection scheme is offered to all its nine million card-holders, they will get a one-year extension on the original guarantee, which will cover a wide range of consumer goods costing more than £50. The only exceptions are motorized vehicles, including motorboats and aeroplanes, although so far no one has yet bought an aeroplane with Barclaycard.

But Barclaycard is not the first plastic card company to offer additional protection for goods. The American Express Purchase and Protection plan covers durable goods purchased with the card for 90 days against theft or accidental damage, provided you do not have any other relevant insurance cover.

Tony Levene

The gold market glitter is going dull

All is not glittery on the gold scene. Although the record £2.9 billion bid by Minorco for Consolidated Gold Fields put some life into gold shares, the gold price moved down below the $400 (£239) mark this week.

Investors who have put their money into gold unit trusts have fared pretty badly during the past few years. Investors who have been in for five years are, on average, showing a small loss, while those who invested a year ago have seen 40 per cent or more of their investment wiped out, and their trusts languishing in the bottom 25 league.

Julian Baring, the manager of James Capel's Gold and General Fund and the man credited with being "the gold guru", points out in his latest newsletter: "Gold shares are equities. Equities are jittery at the moment, world-wide."

But the realm of gold shares has now taken on a strange glow in the wake of the mega-bid by Minorco.

Mr Baring expects there will be a ripple effect and that a number of other South African mining companies will be looking for a firm foothold elsewhere in the world.

Attention has been focused on shares in the UK with mining links such as RTZ, Lonrho, Charter Consolidated and Johnson Matthey.

Mr Baring believes it is only a matter of time before a bid appears for one of the American mining houses.

Mr Baring argues that then investors who would like to see some of this bid action might do well to invest in a gold unit trust as that way they get a spread of investments, and a chance of reaping the benefit of a price surge from any bid target as well as any ripple effect.

But that is a short-term view. On the longer term, he believes the bear market in gold and gold shares has quite a way to run.

"I think people think the big figure is important," he says. "I have had more calls this week related to that than anything else. People think that $399 looks a lot less than $400.

"We are in for a dull patch. Gold prices are due for a bit of a bounce, but there's nothing to indicate the the bear trend has been broken. I'm not too happy to buck the trend."

Nigel Hewitt, the manager of NM Gold Fund, also sees bleak times ahead for gold and gold shares. But he believes that in the long term there is more scope for recovery.

Vivien Goldsmith

Julian Baring: unit trusts advised

Policyholders win a point

The opposition of London Life's policyholders to the planned merger with Australian Mutual Provident has been temporarily suspended.

A ginger group representing disgruntled policyholders has persuaded London Life to explain its reasons for the merger in greater detail when it sends out the merger documents on Monday.

If the group feels the explanation is still inadequate it will advise all policyholders to reject the deal.

What has changed is that the ginger group has had more opportunity to talk to London Life's merchant banker, Kleinwort Benson. The group sent three representatives, who are also directors of City merchant banks, to a meeting with Kleinwort on Wednesday.

Kleinwort managed to persuade them, more or less, that it believes in what it is doing. The bank has examined about 20 rival offers for London Life and believes that the AMP offer is the best.

The group is now prepared to listen to London Life a little longer, but it retains a healthy scepticism. One member pointed out: "Several of us are industrialists, and we know that what companies say before a merger, and what they actually do afterwards, are often very different."

They want assurances that London Life and AMP will stick to a publicly stated policy if the merger goes through. This is perfectly reasonable.

It does not happen more often only because so few policyholders or shareholders ever take an interest in what their company is doing. London Life is in the unusual position of having to deal with a group of people who understand the ways of the City.

However, whatever Monday's documents say, the ginger group is unlikely to drop its aim of getting London Life's senior management displaced. Many policyholders believe the management is quite out of its depth and that it should have resigned months ago.

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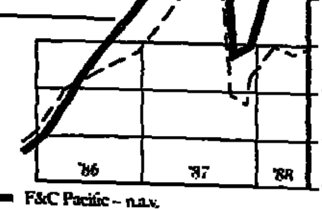

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Several BES sponsors asked the Treasury for an extension on the grounds that the postal strike had delayed the issue of prospectuses and that many *investors would not have time* to get their money in before October 6.

Despite an earlier refusal to extend the time limit, **Matrix Securities**, one of the sponsors that had pleaded for more time, received Treasury con*firmation this week* that the deadline had been extended.

Matrix had complained that the cost to small companies of issues aborted by the effects of the postal strike would be prohibitive. Peter Thomson, a Matrix director, said three of the four companies Matrix was sponsoring would extend their closing dates to take advantage of it.

Graham Cox, group economist and development manager for the **Sun Life Besres** property fund, said the decision was a "welcome bolt out of the blue" and the fund's closing date would be extended from October 5 to October 26.

Mr Cox said it would have been difficult for Sun Life to bring in the £30 million it had set its sights on if there had not been an extension. The value of the extra money would more than outweigh the cost of informing prospective investors of the changed date.

Mail shots *for* Besres had been disrupted by the post strike and brokers had not been able to communicate properly with their clients, said Mr Cox.

Nationwide Anglia Building Society is also planning to extend the closing date of its fund from October 5 to October 26, *but it is holding talks* with the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) and the Revenue before deciding.

Jan Hildreth, of **Minster Trust**, which is sponsoring a *BES company*, **Grampian Assured**, and a fund, the 4th Minster Trust BES Fund, said he expected both would extend their closing dates.

A similar story came from **Chancery**, sponsor of **London Town Assured**, which had intended to close on October 5. But Craig Reader, an associate director of Chancery, said he expected the company's two other issues — **First Cambridge Assured Properties and Albany Development & Construction** — were likely to be fully subscribed by their closing dates of October 1 and 5 respectively.

Capital Assured Properties, sponsored by the Edinburgh fund management group **Hodgson Martin**, intends to extend its closing date from October 5 to October 26.

Issues are continuing to come on to the market, and analyst BESt Investment has noted the details of more than 40 issues. Although more than half of them are investing in rental properties, there are some unusual propositions, including manufacturers of false teeth and powered wheelchairs.

Maria Scott

TENANCY ISSUES

Company/ Fund	Sponsor/ Manager	Specialization	Closing date	Min inv	Share price/ p'pty prices 0-50-100*
Assured Property Management	Centreway	None specified	Oct 24	£1,000	95-131-157
Assured Property Trust	Choulartons	London preferred	Nov 26	£2,000	90-126-151
Bristol Investment Properties	Mercia	Houses and flats	Oct 5	£550	97-134-154
Buckingham Assured Properties	Oxford Business	South-west London and Surrey	Oct 1	£1,000	94-131-153
Burlington Estates	None	Properties mainly in London and South-East	Sept 30	£3,000	95-148-176 (with gearing)
Capital Assured Properties	Hodgson Martin	Scotland	Oct 26 likely	£1,000	98-135-154
Cavendish Wates First Assured	Smith & Williamson	New houses in South-East and East Anglia	Oct 28	£1,000	100-138-165
City North Properties	None	Central London houses for young tenants	Oct 2	£500	112-144-169
First Cambridge Assured Properties	Chancery	New properties in Cambridge	Oct 1	£1,000	89-123-147
First CAVE Assured Tenancy Fund	Capital Ventures	Fund investing in at least four tenancy companies	Oct 5	£5,000	98-131-154 est
First Johnson Fry Residential Scheme	Johnson Fry	Managed scheme: investors select from 7 regions or income facility	Apr 5	£2,000	109-148-171 est
First Roman Property Trust	Capital	Sheltered housing	Oct 5-26	£1,000	128-175-201
Grampian Assured	Minster Trust	Aberdeen	Oct 26 likely	£500	85-118-142
Kent Maltings	Ifico	Kent, including a conversion of Maltings in Gravesend	Nov 4	£2,000	94-152-191 (with gearing)
Lazard Residential Property Fund	Lazard DCG	None	Oct 5/ Nov 30	£2,500	94-122-137 est
Link Assured Homes	Williams de Broe	Houses in Worthing, Portsmouth, Bedford, Cambridge	Oct 5	£10,000	98-132-169 (excludes benefit from tax-efficient loans)
London Town Assured Properties	Chancery	"Up and coming" London areas	Oct 26 likely	£1,000	92-127-152
Nationwide Anglia First Fund	Nationwide Anglia	None	Oct 5	£2,000	100-137-163 est
Nomad Properties	Wise Speke	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear	Oct 4	£1,000	103-139-165
Northumbrian Residential Properties	Overseas Corporate Funds (UK)	Newcastle	Oct 14	£1,000	101-135-156
Retirement Assured	Capital Ventures	Sheltered housing	Oct 9	£3,000	93-130-155
Sun Life BesRes Fund	Sun Life	None	Oct 26	£2,000	98-130-156 est
Yorkshire Housing Trust	Capital for companies	New flats in Leeds	Oct 4/ Nov 25	£2,000	101-137-165

* The effect of property price increases on share values, including effects of issue costs, rental yields, running costs and incentive arrangents. Base is a 100p share. First column assumes no rise in property values, second a 50 per cent rise and third 100 per cent. For example, 100p worth of shares in Assured Property Management would be worth 95p if property prices were static, 131p with a 50 per cent increase and 157p if property prices doubled **Table by BESt Investment (01 353 9812)**

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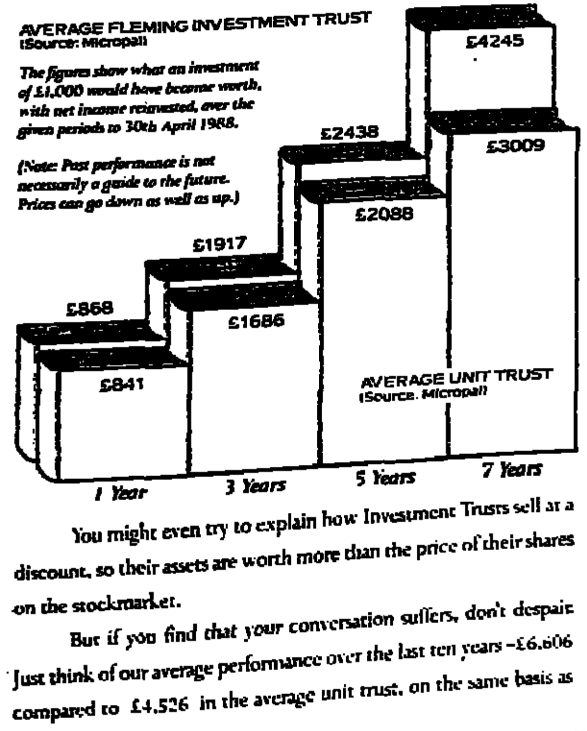

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23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1970	1,176	857	1,080
1975	2,640	1,112	1,466
1980	10,256	1,729	2,154
1985	27,080	4,947	3,240
21 SEPT '88	56,160	6,757	3,952*

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6 May '64	–	–	£1,000	£1,000
1965	£40	£38	1,020	1,000
1970	46	49	1,076	1,000
1975	83	72	1,630	1,000
1980	166	103	2,428	1,000
1985	228	87	6,516	1,000
21 SEPT '88	368	65*	10,416	1,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics). M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. £1,000 invested in M&G Dividend Fund income units on 21st September 1983 would have produced an income of £69 in 1988 and the capital would have grown to £2,509 by 21st September 1988. *Estimated for the year.

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1965	3,132	2,623	1,397
1970	4,648	3,054	1,742
1975	7,984	3,962	2,366
1980	19,540	6,160	3,476
1985	54,600	17,624	5,229
21 SEPT '88	91,604	24,068	6,377*

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Recovery	550·4p	744·1p	3·62%	5·67%
Dividend	552·2p	1742·4p	5·14%	5·67%
SECOND	944·6p	1963·9p	3·40%	5·66%

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for next distribution on	20 Feb '89	15 Jan '89	15 Feb '89

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New season, keen bids

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The fine wine auction season was uncorked last week with an important Bordeaux sale at Christie's in London.

At the season's first sale 92 per cent was sold, realizing £240,208. Phillips' Oxford sale was on Tuesday and Sotheby's was on Wednesday in London. International Wine Auctions has sales on September 29, October 8 and December 3.

The quality market is buoyant. Christie's reports 36 per cent more wine in total value sold in the first seven months of this year than in the corresponding period last year. Several new UK and overseas buyers are in the market. Although North Americans will bid for the rarest and finest, their place at the standard quality sales has been taken by West German, Hong Kong and Swiss buyers.

Claret, backbone of any investment cellar, is a firm market. The very young vintages do not usually appear at auction as they are available from merchants. The 1986, to be shipped next year, already shows its style and quality, and the 1985, although the largest claret vintage ever, has the concentration to last with a 15- to 20-year view for the best wines. The year 1984 saw fair wines in the Médoc but disappointing results in St Emilion and Pomerol.

Clarets of 1983 are "undervalued", says Michael Broadbent, head of Christie's. He commends lesser rated estates such as Léoville-Barton and Grand Puy Lacoste from St Julien and Pauillac respectively, not only for this year, but also for 1981 and 1982. Grand Puy Lacoste 1983 failed to reach its reserve last week, and Gruaud-Larose 1983 made only £90-£98 per dozen bottles.

Sotheby's offered several 1983s this week – Lafite-Rothschild magnums and Pichon-Longueville-Lalande.

However, no claret investment should be without 1982, the finest vintage since 1961. Although first growths such as Lafite-Rothschild sell for £550-£650, Stephen Mould, of Sotheby's, says there are still bargains. Sotheby's sold Château Beychevelle for £125 per dozen bottles in July, and auctioned La Lagune (estimate £140-£180) and Lynch-Bages (£150-£200) on Wednesday.

Few price rises are expected for the 1979-81 claret vintages, which make for good drinking now, but 1978s are still worth buying as prices have been static for some time. Last week Ducru-Beaucaillou sold for £250 and Latour for £460.

Mr Broadbent feels 1976 needs drinking and is fairly priced, but says there is little call for 1972 to 1974 vintages.

The 1970 Médoc wines are expected to rise noticeably in the next two years. Margaux was £500 and Lafite-Rothschild £650 in July. But it may be better to dispose of St Emilion and Pomerol and reinvest.

Few stocks from the Business Expansion Schemes have yet come to auction. As these stocks are mainly in 1982-83 claret and port of the 1980 and 1983 vintages, now is not the best time to sell.

Americans want quality white wines, so classic burgundies such as Corton Charlemagne and Montrachet are much sought-after at auction. Christie's will be selling the 1982 Louis Latour Corton Charlemagne at an estimated £260 to £280 later this month. A good and modestly estimated range was sold at Sotheby's in West Sussex yesterday.

Domaine de la Romanée Conti wines continue to attract most interest in red burgundy, but stocks are limited. For good but less outstanding, look at such wines as Grivot's Vosne Romanée 1985 (£125 to £160 estimate at Sotheby's).

The French government has blocked the sale of the Romanée-Conti vineyards to the Japanese Takashimaya group, but interest will also focus on the Rhône vineyards to the south. The small vineyard of Château Grillet is worth collecting. In July Sotheby's sold three bottlea of its 1959 for £90.

On dessert Bordeaux, Mr Broadbent says 1975 is particularly good to buy and reasonably priced. Certainly, to add to this, the 1983 Sauterne is outstanding and still modestly priced. Coutet made £155-£165 and Rieussec £210 at Christie's auction last week. Even d'Yquem at £1,050 per dozen bottles (estimate £850-£1,000) will show good appreciation.

BRIEFING

The tax man goes easy, and speeds up the refunds

■ Payment of tax rebates is being given priority by the Inland Revenue as it catches up after the postal dispute.

The Revenue also said it would show leniency over strike-delayed payment of bills and filing of returns. "Some statutory time limits may have been missed by taxpayers because of the postal delays," it said. "In these cases the Inland Revenue will treat the deadlines as met unless there are indications that factors other than postal delays meant that time limits were missed." A spokesman said tax inspectors would use their descretion if it was not immediately clear whether the post problems were to blame for missed deadlines. People who had simply not paid a bill because they did not think it would get to the Revenue would not qualify for lenient treatment because it was possible to pay through a bank.

However, all tax payments considered to have been genuinely trapped in the postal system will be treated as having been received on August 31. But no other relaxations in the rules for charging interest are proposed.

Pensioners' bonus

■ **Norwich Union is promoting a motor insurance policy giving extra benefits to retired people, believing they are less likely to have accidents. The main advantage is lower premiums. The discount varies depending on the motorist's car and address. But the driver of a Volvo 340, living in central London, with full no-claims discount, would pay £226 a year for a standard Norwich Union policy. Under Motoring Gold, the premium would be £190. The policy also includes legal help to pursue uninsured losses and a special service through National Breakdown for transport home after an accident. Motoring Gold is available to retired people aged from 55 to 75.**

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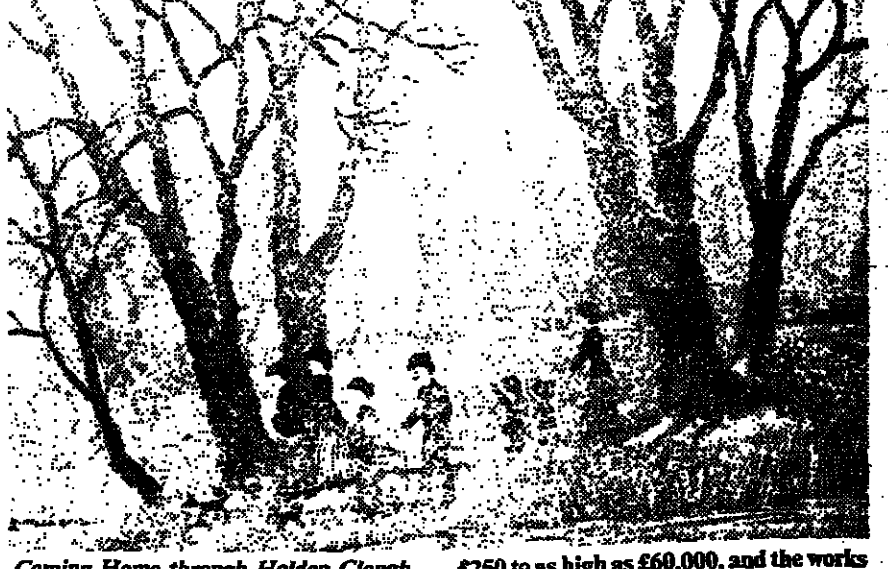

Coming Home through Holden Clough, above, by Helen Bradley, costing £6,500, will be among the paintings at a new Twentieth-Century British Art Fair, being held from next Friday to October 4 at the Cumberland Hotel, central London.

Fifty dealers will be showing at the Fair, which will be opened by the jazz singer George Melly. Prices range from £250 to as high as £60,000, and the works include paintings by British Impressionists, surrealists, Neo-romantics and Euston Road and post-war Realism artists. There will also be an exhibition of 17 works from The Slade School of Fine Arts on display.

Admission costs £5 and includes an illustrated catalogue.

Calmer now

■ **If a recent survey by the Gartmore group is anything to go by, unit trust holders who have stayed in for the ride since the crash have a fairly relaxed attitude to their holdings now. Nearly 10,000 of Gartmore's 105,000 investors responded to a questionnaire about how they intended to handle their portfolios in the near future. More than half said they intended to leave their investments as they were for the next six months. A quarter said they would rebalance their portfolios by switching into other unit trusts, and more than a fifth said they intended to increase their holdings.**

Tips for women

■ Women who feel they need advice on managing their finances can now turn to a new Midland Bank guide. Although much of the information applies equally to men, it deals with aspects of money management that are particularly relevant to women, such as maternity allowances and the effects of marriage on a woman's tax position. It also reminds women that certain aspects of financial planning are just as important to them as to men, such as making a will and planning for retirement.

Midland Bank Guide: Women and Money, by Marie Jennings, is published by Penguin at £4.99.

Fast glass service

■ **Commercial Union has added a time-saving service to policies covering domestic and commercial property. Broken windows can be repaired immediately with no need for a claim form. Using a freephone telephone line, policyholders contact the glazier Solaglas to arrange for replacement. Policyholders with full glass cover have no payment to make unless there is an excess on their policy or they are registered for VAT. Policyholders without glass cover get a 25 per cent discount.**

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■ **A new life assurance company, Hambro Guardian Assurance, was launched this week. It is the result of a joint venture between the estate agent and financial services group Hambro Countrywide and Guardian Royal Exchange. It has £40 million start-up capital and will start writing policies on October 3. The new company will specialize in endowment and pension policies for repaying mortgages and in term assurance for protecting repayment mortgages.**

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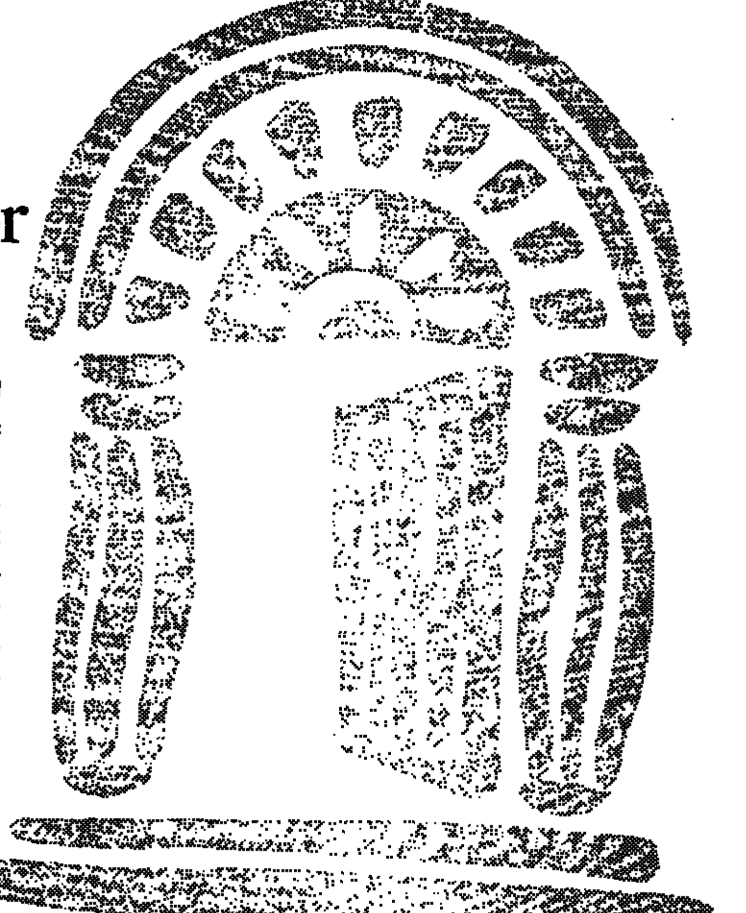

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Uncle breaks loose

Pawnbrokers are a changed breed. Their shares are quoted, and their shops are patronized by yuppies. **Rachel Warren** pays them a visit

Friday lunchtime on London's busy Leather Lane market close to the City, and a smartly dressed *young lady leaves the pawn*brokers £70 richer. "I've just pawned two gold bracelets," says the 21-year-old secretary, who prefers to remain anonymous. "I've got bank debts *and I need the money for a* holiday in St Lucia in November but I hope to get them back as soon as possible. I get paid next week."

Down on the Earls Court Road the casually dressed man clutching a £5 note is more evasive as he leaves the premises of the Berkeley Credit Company. "I've pawned my tiara, it's worth about half a crown," he jokes, refusing to elaborate.

Inside, David Ahrens, the manager, has the look of a man who would not raise an eyebrow at a tiara. The company has been offered Mercedes, Rolls and Porsches, he says, but has never taken them. "A guy came in with a painting *this* morning and he wanted *the money for* the weekend . . . but valuing items like that is not something you can do at speed."

"Uncle" is changing his image. His clients may *still* be *in dire financial straits, but* they are no longer the traditional working class. They are the classless flotsam of Britain's consumer boom. They have over-extended credit: plastic in their pocket but no access to cash.

"Why did I call it Albemarle & Bond? Well, Murphy's Pawnbrokers didn't quite have the magic ring"

Until recently pawnbrokers' numbers were dwindling rapidly. Their business had been overtaken by more accessible forms of credit, and under the 1872 Pawnbrokers Act, they could lend no more than £50 on *any item*. But three years ago pawnbroking was absorbed under Credit Consumer Act legislation and today's brokers can, *in theory*, lend up to *£15,000* (though they say the average loan is between £70 and £100). The insalubrious image, too, is fading.

Harvey & Thompson, Britain's leading pawnbrokers, who received a full stockmarket quotation last year, may not boast a posh London address. But their headquarters, just off South London's rough Walworth Road, are above a frontage that could almost belong to a building society. Their clients, mostly young, bring gold chains and rings to the ladies behind the grilles, who assess them, draw up contracts and hand over the cash.

The fortunes of Harvey & Thompson, a 91-year-old business, turned for the better in the early 1980s when Rupert Galliers-Pratt, the present chairman, bought shares in the USM-quoted company. He realized it was in financial trouble, streamlined it and raised extra capital in the City. Shares, which had slumped to 29p, reached £5 just before last October's Stock Market crash; after it *they dropped* to £3.20 but have subsequently climbed more than half the way back.

Business improved and Harvey & Thompson began expanding again. In the early *1980s they had* 11 outlets; they now have 26 and Galliers-Pratt intends to open three or four new branches a year. The company, which was making losses in 1982, now notches up *annual profit* increases of 33 per cent and counts its profits in millions. To these, pawnbroking now contributes about half (the other side of the business is debt-collecting and *hire purchase*).

Lewis Watson, managing director, joined Harvey & Thompson from the Navy in 1947 and marvels at the post-war transition he has seen. His smart office *used to be more* like a warehouse. "We took in cameras, radios, vases, sheets, shoes, bedding. We had endless staff – shaft boys pulling up the old pulleys, staff at the other end shouting back and throwing things down. It was all happening then."

But already pawnbroking was beginning to be seen as an antiquated family trade, and *demobbed servicemen didn't* want to join it. Dozens of pawnbroking shops closed in the 1950s. Redevelopment in the Sixties buried dozens more. At the same time government policies were eliminating a need that "Uncle" had once satisfied: cash for basic food and clothing.

But now the shops are back; and Watson estimates that 200 to 300 customers pass through their south London branch every day, and more on Saturdays. The company's annual turnover from pawnbroking in 1987 topped £2.5 million.

"Our clients," Watson says, "might formerly have been the so-called working classes pawning objects to pay the rent. Some of them still are. But now we also get salaried people, professionals. Lots of them are business people coming because they have unexpected VAT bills, credit *card debts, or even to pay for a* second holiday. Most of them are not destitute as they once were."

The traditional English pawnbroker is still *part-jeweller, dabbling in both sides of* the business. Many of the 200 members of the National Pawnbroking Association are from old established businesses which the newcomers are now buying up as the owners retire.

Though H & T are firm leaders among the new aggressive pawnbrokers, a former colleague is also doing well. Phil Murphy, who was managing director of Harvey & Thompson before 1981, now runs the up-and-coming Albemarle & Bond.

"Why did I call it that? Well, because it sounded classy and put me at the top of the Yellow Pages," he says. "Murphy's *Pawnbrokers didn't* quite have the magic ring."

A jeweller rather than a financier by occupation and inclination, he built up his business from one Bristol shop and *opened his tenth in* Croydon this month. He sees a solid future for pawnbroking and is looking for a full Stock Market quotation around the end of next year.

Among *his customers, he* says, have been an accountant, a solicitor and a partner in a firm of London stockbrokers. "The biggest single reason is credit cards. Customers never consider their *APR (annual* percentage rate). I've heard some who think it means 'always pay regular'."

Not all pawnbrokers stick to jewellery. The new and enterprising London *Pledge* Company, for example, takes in a diversity of valuable goods from portable video cameras to cars. They tell the tale of the man who pawned his Porsche to finance a property deal. It netted him enough to reclaim the vehicle in two months. And last year, they claim, a wealthy customer with a cashflow problem pledged his helicopter with them for three months to enable him to take his sick wife on holiday.

In Wales pawnbroking has all but disappeared; in Scotland, though numbers *have* declined, the survivors are prospering. Scottish pawnbrokers, who tend to run offices rather than shops, will sometimes accept a set of golf clubs. "But *we would much* rather take jewellery," says Archie Crocket, director of the Glasgow Pawnbroking Company, whose pledges are up by 50 per cent since 1985. "People up here are *borrowing* a great deal more these days," he say, "just like the rest of Britain."

Pawnbrokers, Phil Murphy says aggrievedly, are a much maligned race. "In a funny way we don't create indebtedness; we pick up the pieces when people have got into debt. In fact, we're absolutely lovely."

PETER MARLOW

Phil Murphy, of pawnbrokers Albemarle and Bond: he numbers an accountant, a solicitor and a stockbroker among his clientele

BEHIND THE POP BUSINESS

Do pawnbrokers offer value for money? At first sight the interest rates seem high – Harvey & Thompson's are 24 per cent over six months compared with, say, a bank's 12 to 13 per cent per annum. The Glasgow Pawnbroking Company charges as much as 82.25 per cent per annum. There is no legal limit.

***That said*, pawnbrokers are perhaps less pernicious than other debt merchants. They have the article pledged, of course, but that is all their debtors stand to lose. And, high as they are, those interest rates seem less extortionate compared with annual percentage rates in the mid-30s now charged by some major store cards.**

"We justify our interest rate by the fact that we are lending on a short-term basis," says Lewis Watson, of Harvey & Thompson. "You can come to any of our branches with something valuable and the whole transaction is done within 10 minutes. You can't do that with a bank. They don't want to know about short-term loans."

Consumer protection? The Consumer Credit Act gives the debtor the right, in any credit agreement, to ask a court to judge whether it is extortionate. But, as a spokesman for the Office of Fair Trading remarked, "it is a bit like asking how long is a piece of string."

In any Harvey & Thompson branch the mechanics of the transaction are quite straightforward. The client brings his object for assessment and the staff, who are trained to value jewellery, *hand over some 60 per cent* of its worth. The client gets a contract and after six months receives a letter, required by law, reminding him that his contract has expired.

At that time, he or she (60 per cent of their clientele are women) returns and repays the loan plus the 24 per cent interest, and redeems the pledge. About 95 per cent of customers come back and pay, Watson says, for which he is grateful. Indeed, his ideal customer returns time and again with the same object: "We're in the business of interest."

By law, unredeemed goods worth over £50 must go to public auction. In common with other pawnbrokers, Harvey & Thompson sell goods that do not reach reserve price in such auctions through the few jewellers shops they retain.

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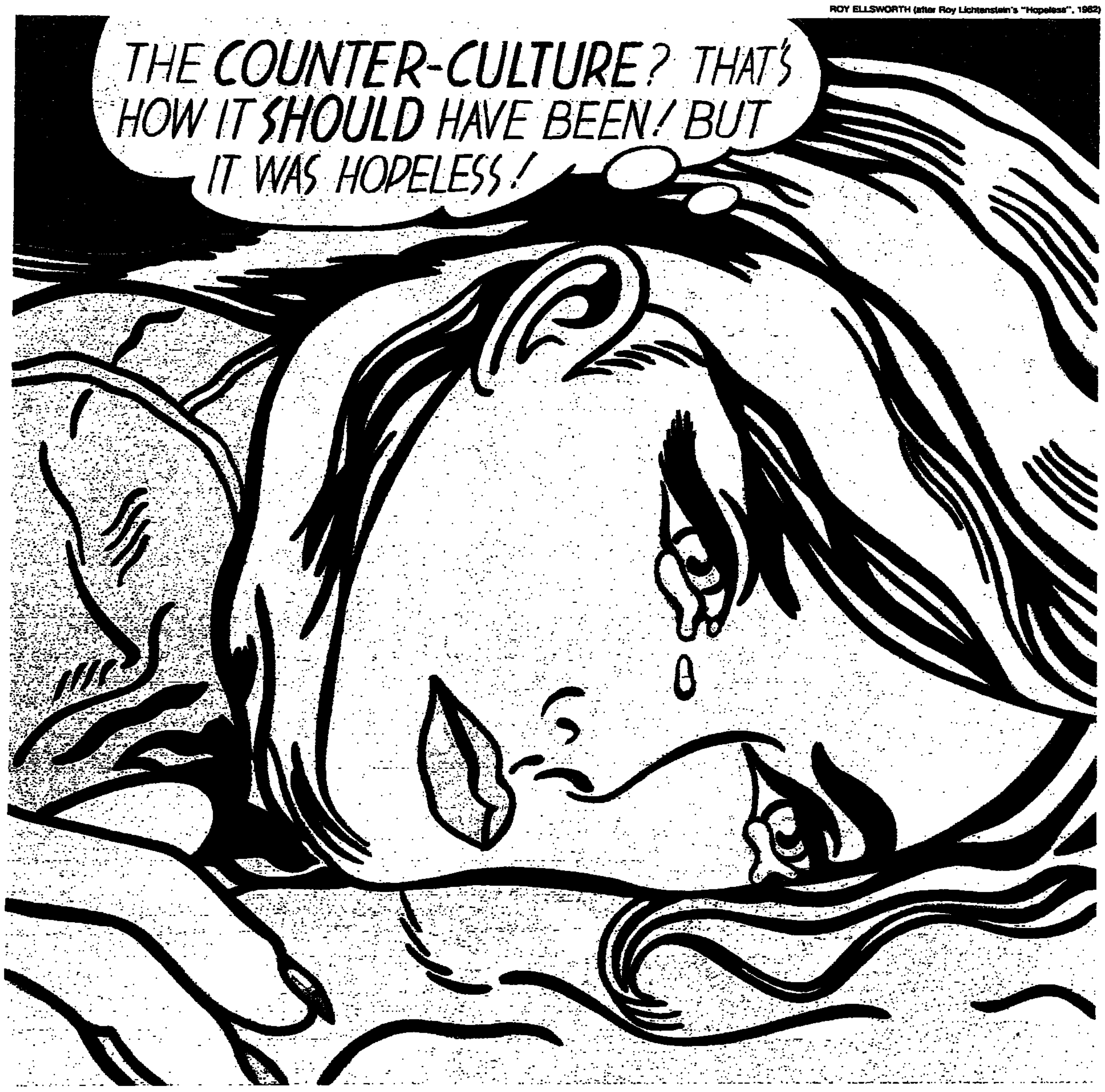
Voices from the underground

In this autumn of Acid House there are echoes of London's summers of love, when boys and girls came out to play with dreams of a counter-culture. **Jonathon Green** persuaded the luminaries of the period to reassess those dreams, some of them now suspended in a golden glow of nostalgia, others the stuff of nightmares

ROY ELLSWORTH (after Roy Lichtenstein's "Hopeless", 1962)


THE COUNTER-CULTURE? THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN! BUT IT WAS HOPELESS!

HAPPENINGS

Cultural movements do not fit conveniently into 10-year packages. The roots of "the Sixties" lay earlier. Many who would become leaders of the "underground" – US-influenced beatniks, home-grown Angry Young Men, the artistic avant-garde, prototype mods – were already looking towards some form of change as the Fifties drew to a close. They met, among other places, at the Aldermaston marches of CND.

CHRISTOPHER LOGUE: I found myself on the first day of the first Aldermaston march in 1958. It was pouring with rain and there were about 150 of us marching along by London Airport. And then of course the sun came out, and by the end of the afternoon there must have been 50,000 people. And by the middle of the next day there were 100,000. Now I don't think that CND is of any importance. Not really. It had a much greater social importance than it ever had politically. A lot of people suddenly realized that there were a lot of other people who thought along the same lines as they did and that they were humanists in politics and agnostics in religion and that they did want to create a better society. And they struggled hard to do it, and they took on the whole world, as young people are prepared to do. And the result of it was 10 good years.

JEFF NUTTALL: Dadaists, absurdists, surrealists had always believed that by striking an alternative aesthetic, by undermining the classical mode of representational painting or established harmonic structures in music, you could change the face of society. What happened with the beats was that by merging this transformation of aesthetic pleasure with an attack on political structures you effect a sort of non-specific revolution, which didn't have an alternative set of rules. You'd scrapped the old rules and now, hopefully, a new set of rules would evolve from a way of life that had been established according to human pleasure and generosity. It erupted, I would say, with Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*.

JOHN WILCOCK: Artists are always picking stuff out of the ether, and the first time that many new ideas get expressed is by an artist. Poets are usually writing the kinds of stuff that artists are doing pictorially. Now historically, the first people after those two have always been coffee-shop pamphleteers, samizdat publishers, underground magazines. It just so happened that the Sixties provided a lot of people who badly needed that new word, because they'd lost all belief and trust in the Establishment word. It found a very ready audience.

JOHNNY BYRNE: In 1961, I started going to Liverpool. And I noticed the great energy and the activity around the scene. I fell in with a group of people who, like me, were absolutely crazy about books by the beats. In a very short time we were turning out our own little magazines. We were into jazz, poetry – straight out of the beatniks – and all around us were the incredible beginnings of the Liverpool scene. We met in a place called the Jacaranda where the Beatles, who could play four chords on their guitars, were just starting. We went off, hitch-hiking "on the road" during one summer. From St Ives, where we stayed for some of the summer, we then went down to the Beaulieu Jazz Festival, which was in its later phases; there was an amazing meeting between Pete Brown and Mike Horovitz – almost like Stanley and Livingstone meeting. We all recognized kindred spirits. We decided to split the country, rather like the Popes decided to split Europe between Avignon and Rome. [Spike] Hawkins and Byrne would have everything north of Stafford, and Horovitz and Brown would have everything south. And we would set up these readings. So Hawkins and I went straight back to Liverpool to set up the first of the readings at a place called Streate's Coffee Bar. The first poetry readings we had were a couple of local jazz musicians and us mainly reading from poems in the *Evergreen Review*. We made trips to Better Books in London to get it.

MICHAEL HOROVITZ: Around 1960 there evolved certain residencies and so on – the Café des Artistes, the Partisan Cafe in Soho. Then more and more jazz became involved. And other people started putting on poetry and jazz. And gradually we moved out of London, to Cambridge, to the north-east, and a bit later still to Liverpool. Brown and I took a troupe of musicians to Liverpool and did the first jazz-poetry in the north at the Crane Theatre in Liverpool. At the party afterwards Adrian Henri, who was the host, said, "Oh, this poetry stuff is all right, I think I'm gonna start doing it." (Roger) McGough had read with us in Edinburgh. And (Brian) Patten, who'd sat in the front row of the Crane gig trying to hide his school cap, was this marvellous boy who came up and read rather different, passionate, romantic poems.

PAUL McCARTNEY: We were all reading Ginsberg and that stuff, everyone was. It's a point that people often miss. They say, for instance, that the Beatles' haircuts were invented by the Beatles, but actually we got this German guy Jürgen Vollmer to try and cut our hair like his. And the point I'm making is that he had a version of the Beatle haircut – and this is Hamburg students. Students the world over were aware of that. So when we came down here to London, all we did really was plug out of the Liverpool student scene and plug into the London student scene. It would be people like John Dunbar, who was a student and Marianne [Faithfull]'s husband at the time, Peter Asher, who like us had recently been a student, a bass player down a jazz cellar, although his was Westminster School and a much more privileged upbringing that ours had been, but good, it seemed to be good, they didn't seem to be a snotty crowd. So this was it: like, up north you'd be reading *On the Road*, and they would be reading *On the Road*. We'd be looking at the same kind of things.

JOHN HOPKINS: "Happening" was the name for a generalized event, thought to be run by an artist. This was an excuse for not following the script. There were some really great happenings at Better Books. A room full of smoke and people sitting around and all falling over each other and it was terribly erotic, something you weren't expecting at all.

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WHOLLY COMMUNION

The Albert Hall poetry reading, memorialized in Peter Whitehead's documentary film Wholly Communion, *was held on June 11, 1965. Inspired by a successful solo reading given by Allen Ginsberg at Better Books, it brought the stars of US beat poetry together with their English peers, and a number of distinctly lesser lights. As a reading, it was chaotic – but as a cultural event it was incomparable. It was the climax of beatnik dreams, and the launch of the hippies. Seven thousand people arrived, a vast "alternative" constituency few could have imagined. The Albert Hall, booked for £450, had never seen anything like it. From it came the confidence to found the first "underground institutions": the Indica Gallery, the* International Times *newspaper, and much more.*

MILES: 1965, June. I was managing the paperback section of Better Books. En route to New York from Prague, Ginsberg stopped off in London. He gave a reading at Better Books which, even though we didn't advertise it, was totally packed.

SUE MILES: There was an afternoon when Allen realized that Gregory Corso was in Paris, Ferlinghetti was coming to London, Pablo Neruda and Pablo Fernandez were here, and Andrei Voznesensky. Major international poets, nearly all in London and this should be celebrated: there should be a poetry reading.

MARK BOYLE: It was the technique that was the key thing, the absolutely brilliant technique. They announced to everyone who they were getting. They named three people who were coming from America – Corso, Ferlinghetti and Ginsberg. None of them were booked when they announced it. But because they announced these three, everyone wanted to be in on it.

CHRISTOPHER LOGUE: Really the thing that made the Albert Hall reading in terms of the number of people who knew about it, and went to it, was the BBC news. It was marvellous weather, there was a continual atmosphere of goodwill and the opportunity to do things in the air and that lasted for a long time. Alex Trocchi called me up and said: "Why don't you come down to the Albert Memorial? There's a lot of really interesting people just hanging about." This was on the Saturday. So I went down and there were a lot of people, quite interesting-looking people, and it was fun and it was sunny and the girls were very pretty and what more could you ask for . . . It was a very quiet time in society. There were no troubles, no serious troubles, no great dispute or feeling of anger or hatred. And the BBC had nothing to report on their nine o'clock news. Somebody had told them about this so they came down and they did a long 10-minute item which they put out at 9pm. It was a marvellous item. Clearly the news editors were delighted. And it announced the show and the whole of the south of England saw it, that this poetry reading was going to take place at Albert Hall from six o'clock onwards the following day – you couldn't have asked for better publicity. So the next day the Albert Hall was full.

MILES: By the time we actually reached the Albert Hall, the programme was enormous. Everybody wanted to do something: Bruce Lacey wanted to do something with his robots. He was a mad anarachist – he'd been in the Beatles' first film. Jeff Nuttall was working with him. Their particular event never happened because somehow Jeff got welded to a bath in Sir John Barbirolli's dressing-room backstage. Lacey had filled the bath with some kind of green goo which Jeff got stuck to.

MICHAEL HOROVITZ: Ginsberg insisted on this phrase "You are not alone". It did touch a lot of people, and it was in that poem "Be Kind" Ginsberg wrote specially: "Tonite let's all make love in London . . ." The sort of society that the Albert Hall brought together was largely comprised of people who had read the beat poetry and come to our gigs or generally evolved their own different consciousnesses more or less privately. I think a lot of people came from out of London and hadn't been in cities where there had been much coming together, much communalism. To these people that line, and Mitchell's "Tell Me Lies About Vietnam", did offer a kind of catharsis and revolution and liberation. The Albert Hall event had a different kind of structure, unlike most other demonstrations at the time: people sitting and standing and chanting, dancing and smoking pot; it was mainly very ecstatic and very relaxed. It was a different kind of public meeting that, as far as I know, has never quite been emulated. Among those 7-8,000 people there must have been a few thousand who probably hadn't been to anything like that, hadn't heard the sort of things they'd been thinking or dreaming or confiding to a lover or onto paper articulated in this explicit, bold, celebratory way.

CHRISTOPHER LOGUE: It was incredibly long-winded. You'd get some people on the stand and they had no idea about the audience, they just want to go on and on and you've literally got to tear them off the stand. It was quite funny: you

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VOICES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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had to send two other poets up to drag them down.

MILES: In hindsight you can see the poetry reading as a transition between the two parts of the Sixties. It did occur exactly in the middle of the Sixties, summer of '65. It presupposed the flower power era of '67 by the fact that Kate Heliczer and her girlfriends all went down to Covent Garden the night before and picked up all of the flowers that hadn't been sold and they were handing out great armloads of flowers to everyone coming in and their faces were painted in psychedelic markings. It was a pre-indication of what was to come.

JOHNNY BYRNE: The thing that struck me most about the Albert Hall reading was the sense of . . . almost the unbelief of those who were most closely involved with it. It was like a fantasy that they'd had of how things should be and how things should go and suddenly they'd woken up and it was really happening. And that sense of unreality carried all the way through the entire proceedings. There were always those at the heart of it who saw it as the great opening up and believed that it would lead on to bigger poetry recitals and the coming together of people. I sensed immediately that, ironically, it was actually the last of the poetry recitals. It had to be savoured then, because it was not going to be around tomorrow.

IT/OZ

IT — the International Times *— sprang directly from the energies released at the Albert Hall poetry reading. Modelled on the pioneering New York* Village Voice, *it simultaneously reported the alternative world and suggested the next steps. At its peak in 1968-1969 it sold 50,000 copies an issue: in its wake came a legion of allied publications, notably* Rolling Stone, Time Out, Friends, INK *— and the increasingly outrageous* OZ, *near-illegible beneath its wash of psychedelic colours as its editors became more involved with the hippie world and, as their lengthy obscenity trail at the Old Bailey in 1971 was to prove, less and less acceptable to the authorities.*

RICHARD NEVILLE: I had founded *OZ* in Australia with Martin Sharp, and it proved an enormous success. It was a very useful way to vent your own ideas. The first moment I arrived in London, September '66, there was nothing being published. I was taken to meet Miles in Indica Books, and we had a little talk. I sensed there was a sub-stratum of genuine irritation with the society. So I thought about starting *OZ* in London. Martin and I talked about it. An article appeared in the *Observer* about Australian *OZ*, so Mary Kenny from the London *Evening Standard* phoned up, came over and I told her, "Yes, well, maybe I'll start *OZ* in London." I happened to sit next to Paul Johnson at dinner one night and he wrote a very generous paragraph in the *New Statesman*. And from there on it started to galvanize almost of its own accord. *OZ 1* was not psychedelic, not at all. It was more satirical, out of the *Private Eye* mould, really a lineal descendant of what we'd done in Australia. And there were old-fashioned articles demolishing God and strange stuff, and a very good piss-take of *Private Eye*. Peter Cook publicly burnt that issue of *OZ* in a pub in Soho. Martin and I were taken to meet Richard Ingrams. He was not hostile but he was paranoid. He loathed the idea of us starting another magazine, a magazine that was even going to mention the word "satire". He asked whether we were pooves, because our hair was long.

REVOLUTION

Central to the underground's many-splendoured rhetoric was a basic belief that hippiedom was not simply a hedonistic playground. The intention was first to create an "alternative society", designed to parallel the "straight" world and then, ultimately, to take over from it. Quite what it entailed was open to debate. The more political operated on reasonably familiar left-wing lines: the less ideological opted for a quasi-Tolkien neverland. "Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life" ran the slogan, and for many hippies the revolution was just around the corner. It became a more tangible phenomenon in the outbursts at the LSE in 1967 and at the two massive anti-Vietnam War demonstrations in 1968. But a real revolution never arrived.

RICHARD NEVILLE: The aim of the alternative culture was to shake up the existing situation, to break down barriers not only between sexes and races and God knows what else, and it was also to have a good time, it was to enlarge the element of fun that one had occasionally in one's own life and to make that more pervasive — not just for you but for everyone. I was quite keen to abolish this work/play distinction. There was something incredibly oppressed about the mass of grey people out there. I just thought that people on the whole looked unhappy: they seemed to be pinched and grey and silly and caught up with trivia and I felt that what was going on in London in the Sixties would bring colour into those grey cheeks and into those grey bedrooms. With a bit of sexuality and exciting music and flowers if not in their hair at least in their living-rooms, somehow the direction of society could be altered.

JIM HAYNES: First and foremost, it was going to be a world of mutual respect, mutual acceptance. No more prejudice: you could worship who you wanted to worship, how you wanted to worship, wear the clothes you wanted to wear, have the sexual attitudes you wanted, eat what you wanted to eat, drink, smoke . . . whatever you wanted to do. We thought it made complete sense. Completely logical. We thought that everybody in the world would immediately recognize this home truth and it would happen. But they didn't.

JOHN PEEL: I believed absolutely, without question initially. I really thought we were going to change the world. I believed almost anything. I'm very gullible. But then there was a huge excitement because you felt that you were in the vanguard of something, that things genuinely were going to change. I didn't think in terms of what the actual changes were, what the revolution would be. I assumed that it was going to happen . . . I thought that it would just spread by influence. Just by being super-nice to everybody . . .

MARK BOYLE: There was this very important hippie phrase: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." I *hated* that. And I used to scream at people: "Don't you realize, we're *all* part of the problem, *and* we're all part of the solution!" I got very angry at some of the rhetoric. I was angry with them for not defining what they meant by "peace" and "love". But of course they couldn't define what they meant — because that would have split the whole thing apart.

JO DURDEN-SMITH: Somebody in New York told me that he was going to the racetrack and he was going to bet all his money. This money would be of no use in the new era, and the new era was due to start next Monday. The degree of self-delusion involved in that was very, very great.

BLOW-UP

"Swinging London" was not, of course, an "underground" event. Its prime movers took their style from the old aristocratic Chelsea Set rather than from the beats, but the two skeins of hip London life inevitably ran together. It was a world celebrated fictionally in Antonioni's film Blow-Up *and purveyed to the international mass market through the breathless paragraphs of* Time *magazine.*

KIERAN FOGARTY: My friend George Galitzine rang me up at the end of the Oxford summer term of 1966 and said did I want to be in this film called *Blow-Up*? That was glorious. We duly assembled. I had at this time a girlfriend called Didi Verschoyle. Didi was stunningly beautiful — so stunning that Carlo Ponti wrote in an extra scene just so that she could do it — all it consisted of was that she should just walk very slowly down these stairs and the camera could linger in close-up on this fabulous Sixties vision. But it got cut by express command of her father, because she was still under 21 and his permission had not been given. I was flung into this bedroom in Cheyne Walk, hair parted, purple shirt with paisley motifs, black knitted Jaeger tie, square-ended, black jacket. Plonked on the front of this bed with about another nine people on it and Antonioni tossed a couple of kilo-bags of grass on the bed and said: "Right, get on with it." It took five days. It just went on and on. Nobody wanted to stop. Indeed they weren't to be stopped, no way. And it all ended up as about 30 seconds. It was a great party.

HIGH TIMES

LSD, lysergic acid diethylamide, a derivative of ergot (a fungus found in rotting wheat and known to the Middle Ages as St Anthony's Fire), was synthesized by Dr Albert Hoffman in Switzerland in 1943. Developed during the 1950s by both the chemical warfare experts of the US Army and a number of international psychiatrists, "acid" had developed by 1967's "summer of love" into the staple agent of hippie fantasy.

STASH DE ROLA: Psychedelic drugs were a key element in the Sixties. Acid was very powerful. It led a lot of people to re-examine themselves, people who otherwise might have been doomed to be the era's yuppies. Such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, this circle of rich pop stars. Success on an unparalleled scale rewarded them with all the material trappings, but in a way it was all treated a bit as a joke. And there was constantly an underlying tension, a worry and a quest: everyone sought a transcendental way to some paradise of some kind, to the other side. There was this thirst of the soul. I do remember wonderful conversations with people like George Harrison, indeed with Mick Jagger. One morning in Cheyne Walk he confessed how difficult it was to operate since he reckoned he's lost his ego through acid. It was very hard for him to go on at that moment. For stars this loss of ego was impossible.

PAUL McCARTNEY: When I admitted I took acid I got into trouble for being honest. The option was there to say, "LS what? Never heard of it, sorry." Certainly no one had ever caught me at it. But the point was that we were in a sort of group, we were a generation, and really more than anything you don't want to let each other down. And I'm not ashamed of it. This is something I've done, something Aldous Huxley had done, plenty of good precedents for experiments in these areas among artists. When I did take it, once or twice I did enjoy it and once or twice I didn't.

RIP-OFF

The 14-Hour Technicolor Dream, held in April 1967, attracted the largest alternative-society audience since the Albert Hall poetry reading. Held in the old Alexandra Palace to raise funds for IT, *it was a large-scale version of nights at UFO, the fashionable hippie club on Tottenham Court Road, and featured two seminal underground bands, Pink Floyd and the Soft Machine, plus assorted spectating Beatles and a mass of psychedelic visions.*

JIM HAYNES: We decided to have one big fund-raising event. We had a meeting at the Arts Lab: Hoppy, Miles and myself. I was in charge of publicity and trying to raise money to make the event take place. I think we ended up selling the film rights to some Italian producer. We saw it as just an event which would create publicity, which would be fun in itself, and that was an end in itself, and it would produce some cash for the underground. God knows where the money went.

JOHN HOPKINS: Almost everything that happened then was totally disorganized. For instance, the 14-hour Technicolor Dream: we got ripped off for 10 grand because none of us could keep control of the tickets. One hundred per cent of the ticket money got ripped off and it was only because Jim Haynes managed to get some money off a couple of film companies for shooting it that he paid the expenses. It was a total disaster as far as money goes. None of us understood how to handle it.

JOHN PEEL: Everyone was just walking around looking for Rolling Stones or Beatles or Hendrix. You heard all these stories that famous pop stars were going to turn up. I suspect I went on my own. I just remember wandering around in a kind of non-drug-induced, non-alcohol-induced daze. Just dazed by the event.

BROWN RICE

Along with the long hair, the velvets and satins, the bells and the beads, the essential component of the clichéd hippie was his or her bowl of brown rice. Craig Sams found that there were sufficient customers to set up the first macrobiotic restaurant.

CRAIG SAMS: On February 14, 1967 I opened the Macrobiotic Restaurant in a place called the Centre House off Campden Hill Road. It became an instant success and people just came flooding in. It was the only alternative restaurant-type venue anywhere in London. It went on for a couple of months and one night we had a party and around 1 o'clock in the morning it got too much of a party and the next morning the writs started to arrive from our neighbours. So we got thrown out. Brown rice and vegetables was 2/6, felafel were 1/3 each. Nothing ever came to over five bob. People wrote out their own chits for what they'd had, someone would watch the till and take their money. It was very trusting. But one night I did a check on the tickets and found out that we had moved 24 slices of apple crumble and only one had been paid for; so after that we went onto a slightly more structured basis.

WAKING UP

And in the end? "The dream is over," John Lennon sang in 1971. The optimism of '67 and the revolution of '68 were long gone by 1971, when the OZ trial signalled the underground's last great hurrah. A golden era, some survivors insist today: pitiful self-delusion, others claim. As transient in many ways as any random run of years, the era and the figures who peopled it retain a curious potency.

JONATHAN MEADES: I thought that the second half of the Sixties in England was a very miserable period. There was quite a lot of good graphics, there were some quite considerable poster designers, but it was very self-referential art. It was a very mute art. It produced no Evelyn Waugh or Scott Fitzgerald who could stand outside. What writing it did produce was this self-excusing, pamphleteering stuff like *Play Power* or *Bomb Culture* or cash-in books like George Melly's *Revolt into Style*. It is very odd that there is not a single piece of serious prose writing which gets the era.

CHRISTOPHER LOGUE: I take what I call the Sixties to run from the first night of *Look Back In Anger* to the day Lennon and McCartney parted company. I think that within that period very important things happened in English art life — and I'm using that in the broadest sense: style, fashion, dancing, music, etc, etc — it seemed to me to be a very rich period indeed. Full of good things. And the periods that follow are dull and uninteresting in comparison. The slighting comments that are made about the Sixties seem to me to stem very largely from envy and from ignorance. To criticize the Sixties as being in some way immoral strikes me as crazy when compared with the modern world that is dirty and crowded and frightening and ugly.

ANDREA ADAM: There is a core of validity to the Sixties. "Philosophy" may be too high-falutin' a word, but there was an urge to be less consumer-orientated, to lead a more communal life, to care. But I see no legacy of it in England whatsoever. I never felt it had reached down to the grass roots in England and whatever pockets it had reached were, by '74-'75, pretty much dispersed. We all disappeared. Suddenly one day we weren't talking to each other on the telephone, suddenly everybody had gone their own way. Suddenly everyone was knee-deep in mortgages and scrabbling for a half-decent job. Everyone woke up one day and realized that they were nearly 30, without a job and that jobs were getting very scarce and that they were broke and there was no money coming from anywhere. Living from hand to mouth was no longer possible. And the spirit of the Sixties went underground in '74-'75 to emerge in the Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings of the late Eighties.

ANDREW BAILEY: I do think the underground changed things: but it's best to look at it in business terms. What it can be seen as is a period when entrepreneurship found its feet again in England. The era gave a lot of people the opportunity to be small businessmen, some of whom — like Richard Branson, Felix Dennis and Tony Elliott — have continued and made a great deal of money. It was a period when the rules of business broke down, when small could be profitable. Maybe not immediately in terms of the accountant's bottom line, but where — because anything went and because there was a new market that was big enough to support new ideas — you could actually be a small business.

RICHARD NEVILLE: Our view of the world was altered, the way we travelled around the world was altered, the capacity for meeting with other people and making friendships which went totally across national boundaries and across cultural boundaries, the shake-up of relationships between the races, between men and women . . . I think there was a cultural explosion of some sort which of course was popularized, it was perhaps commercialized, it was marketed, it can be ridiculed, but at the same time at its core it had a genuine spirit of hope for humankind. It was predicated on the idea of making the world a better place. So if you get a lot of people gathered around a fundamental idea like that, I think you can say that that is a valid cultural nexus. Of what significance it is probably still too early to judge. A lot of people had ideas and impulses within them that were triggered by a fleeting identification with an idea larger than themselves. What happened after that was that the idea shrank to people's own ambition, which was basically the reversion to materialism: the Porsche, the stock market and the credit cards. But there was a time, a golden time, when people's ideas were larger than themselves.

SUE MILES: In the end it was about product. It was about posters and records, and it became clear that the rock 'n' roll industry was making a fortune out of the whole thing. Richard Neville had the good attitude — he was just in it for a bit of fun. The idea that we were all taken seriously was so weird. All that paranoia: "I'm not talking in this room, there's somebody with a suit on." "Never trust anyone over 30" — I remember thinking, we'll live to regret that label.

ED VICTOR: It was a fascinating moment. It's hard to believe that 20 years ago life was the way it was. Very different. How permissive it was . . . remarkable. It's also remarkable how many people never made it out of the Sixties. There are a lot of casualties in every era — people come out in their early twenties, full of promise, and then nothing — but I feel that the Sixties encouraged a kind of precociousness and a confidence and a brashness and a "We can do anything and being young is the thing to be, we can run things" . . . and a lot of these people got washed up on the shore. Never went back for another wave. A lot of people were arrested in their development then. On the other hand, it was such an attractive period. A lot of people never felt more alive than they did then, issues seemed to be drawn, it was a very exciting time. We went as far as we could go.

PAUL McCARTNEY: I feel that very slowly, some of the stuff, some of the policies we tried to work on then, did change the world, but, like all changes, very, very, very slowly, painfully slowly. So that pollution, stuff like Greenpeace, slowly emerged. It wasn't us, but the kind of philosophies we supported — TM's success in America was us, because the Beatles gave Maharishi his great publicity, and what you'd call the Shirley Maclaine factor is the Eighties version of what we started — a lot of that alternative thinking has come in. Vegetarianism for instance. I've been a vegetarian for 18 years — it's now wildly fashionable. We didn't organize ourselves and say, "Let's change the world," but we happened to be sitting around and it happened to throw up theories that, had they got into place, would have changed the world, and should they get in place will change the world, and in fact *have* changed the world to some degree. There was some form of revolution.

CHRISTOPHER LOGUE: Was it a counter-culture? I suppose it was. It was rather pretentious and silly in some ways. I found it rather . . . kids in the playground — "You're not part of our gang," that sort of thing. A bit childish. They certainly weren't going to change the world, no, no, no. Never had a chance. I think they thought that the world was going to follow them. That they wouldn't have to do anything. Among all these people I never thought that any of them were that bright. That was one of the things they had in common: they were intellectually flat and unadventurous. Intellectual endeavour had no place in their scheme of things. None. There was no intellectual input. There was no "alternative society". It was playtime.

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THE VOICES

Andrea Adam: Co-author of *Time*'s "Swinging London" cover story; now lives and works in London.

Andrew Bailey: Editor of UK edition of *Rolling Stone*; now runs his own London advertising agency.

Mark Boyle: Leading exponent of light-shows at UFO and elsewhere. Now appears — with wife, son and daughter — as the Boyle Family.

Johnny Byrne: Writer who helped Jenny Fabian write *Groupie*, the infamous *roman-à-bedroom-clef*. Recent work for television includes adaptations of James Herriot's "vet" books.

Jo Durden-Smith: Film maker; directed Granada TV documentary of Rolling Stones concert in Hyde Park.

Kieran Fogarty: Spent a year exploring Swinging London while rusticated from Oxford in 1966; now works in publishing as assistant editor of Picador.

Jim Haynes: Posted to Edinburgh with US Army, Haynes ran Britain's first paperback book shop and the Traverse Theatre before moving to London to set up *IT* and the Arts Lab. Now teaches in Paris.

John Hopkins: Co-founder of *IT*, UFO, Notting Hill Free School and many more projects. His gaoling for possession of cannabis led directly to appearance of famous "legalize marijuana" advertisement — signed by leading Establishment figures — in *The Times* in 1967. Now works in community video.

Mike Horovitz: Launched *New Departures* poetry magazine in 1959. Continues to promote poetry in various media.

Christopher Logue: An established figure in the British avant-garde by the mid-Sixties, Logue remains a productive poet and a pillar of Bohemia.

Paul McCartney: Member of the Beatles pop group, c.1960-1970. Now makes solo records, administers a significant song-publishing business, and looks after his Highland farm.

Jonathan Meades: Former RADA student, now restaurant critic of *The Times*. First novel imminent.

Miles: A leading progenitor of the British underground, Barry Miles dropped his given name in 1961 and went on to help found the Indica Gallery and *IT*. His biography of Allen Ginsberg is published soon.

Sue Miles: Involved in the Albert Hall poetry reading, *IT* and the Arts Lab. Now a professional cook, involved with many fashionable restaurants, such as L'Escargot and the Soho Brasserie.

Richard Neville: Arrived from Australia in 1966 to found *OZ* and write *Play Power*. Returned home after notorious obscenity trial in 1971, and now appears regularly on television.

Jeff Nuttall: CND activist, initiator of "happenings" at Better Books, author of *Bomb Culture*. Founded the People Show, with whom he still works.

John Peel: Radio One's advocate of progressive rock from 1967 to the present day; programmes have included *The Perfumed Garden* and *Top Gear*.

Stash De Rola: Son of the painter Balthus, Prince Stanislaw Klossowski de Rola worked for the art gallery owner Robert Fraser and was an intimate of the pop aristocracy. Now lives mostly in Switzerland.

Craig Sams: Set up England's first macrobiotic restaurant. Now proprietor of successful Ceres health-food shop and Whole Earth range of products.

Ed Victor: As editorial director of Jonathan Cape, published Neville's *Play Power* as well as books by Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin and Eldridge Cleaver. Co-founder (with Neville) of *INK*, the underground's ill-fated attempt to set up an alternative to the Fleet Street newspapers. Now a powerful literary agent.

John Wilcock: Founder of *Village Voice*; now working in cable television.

COUNTRYSIDE

Farmers must still keep a trained eye on the weather but then, as **Brian James** discovered, computerized machines take over

Harvest home in the space age

STEVE ETHERINGTON

Mechanized monsters: the combine harvester illustrates how far farming has come. Today the driver sits in an air-conditioned, cushioned cab listening to his favourite music while a computer monitors the moving parts

One farmer explains why the harvest of 1988 will, for him, remain memorable: "I think I knew that the old days really were gone for ever when I called over a hedge to ask a farmworker when he'd be clear to cut one of my fields. He stumped over to his machine — and came back with his Filofax."

This week has been the peak of the harvest, and it highlights the passing of the romantic vision of ruddy-faced peasants happily hand-stacking sheaves until dusk before walking miles home singing soft, bucolic songs to urge on the horses, though it is but a single generation since that was the commonplace. But few city people know the reality represented by the men who drive the machines — all knives, claws and rakes like something by Heath-Robinson for Hammer Films — which have taken their place.

There are other tales to illustrate how great the changes have been for those who live off the land. Another farmer says: "Well, my wheat's all in. What I used to do next was go around the grain merchants getting a price. When I was happy we'd shake hands. T'was finished. Now I go for the *Financial Times*, sit at the kitchen table and try to decide — go for the spot price or gamble on futures."

And, from the farmer holding a pretty bottle in a smart packet: "I remember when it was all cereals or beet. Now, acre for acre, my most valuable crop is this — Evening Primrose. I get £2,000 a tonne. The oil sells for a fortune to Yuppies — says on the box it will keep them living forever, without a wrinkle."

And from the combine operator who had just cleared 40 acres in a day: "How do I pass the time? I talk about the cricket team, or the foxes I see. I've got the CB radio. Can call up other lads half the county away."

The new generation of combine has revolutionized the lives of the harvesters. Even the youngest can remember sitting unprotected on his machine, just behind the "sails", bathed in dust and drenched in noise. On smaller, poorer farms some still do. But for most, harvesting is now done from an insulated cabin, supported on rubberised blocks to reduce vibration, kept cool in the day and warm in the evening by air-conditioning; they are entertained by cassette players and keep abreast of the task through radio contact with the farm.

> **'Computers run the thing — but you still need to look at the skies and the wind to see if it's right to get started'**

Riding these cabs, looking down from 10ft through tinted glass and 360-degree windscreen wipers, can be like staring into an aquarium: the land can look like water, the corn like waves, and the field's departing inhabitants — rabbits and birds — seem totally displaced from their element.

Some machines have joystick controls like fighter-planes, with six buttons at the fingertips to change the height and timing of the cut, the speed of the threshing and separating and the discharge of the crop into trailers. Others have computer read-outs to monitor every moving part, with a touch-pad control.

Some seem a touch *too* user-friendly. I heard of the still-glowering farmer who stood watching an £85,000 machine grind itself to destruction when an interior blockage went unnoticed. What about the warning klaxons? "To tell the truth, guv'nor, I had my Walkman on, listening to Michael Jackson."

The farmer checking the *FT* to sell his grain is Tim Wright, who with just four men works 800 acres in Northamptonshire. He is old enough to remember standing on the back of a Sixties combine, bagging the corn by hand, tying the straw with twine. "Now our big combine tips six *tonnes of wheat into the trailer* every 15 minutes. Computers run the thing — but you still need to look at the skies and the wind to see whether it is right to get started."

Put five 1980s farmers in a room to discuss the problems facing agriculture and they will come up with 10 causes and 20 solutions: but during the harvest when they are united in the great, unchanging tussle with the weather, there is little time for talk and only just time to mutter a prayer for the machines.

Billy Richmond is typical of the young, articulate men who now farm Britain. He manages two farms in Suffolk. "Until about 1980 farmers would make money no matter what they did. But no more. The price we got for grain then is the price we get now, except wages have nearly tripled and interest rates have shot up.

"If we did not have the machines we could not survive. Of course, it is lovely to look back on farms where chickens ran about, you had ducks on the pond and a few cows out the back. No one will ever have such a farm again — you couldn't afford the wages to collect the eggs or milk the cows."

Farmers, too, live in the age of efficiency, he says. "People talk of the 'farming way of life'. In fact, I think many stockbrokers put in longer hours on the job. There are so many restrictions. I used to go up to a field of stubble and clear it with a couple of Swan Vestas — but, quite rightly, firing the fields is frowned on now. You can't legally ask a man to lift more than 1cwt. I have a photo of my grandmother humping 250lbs up a ladder on her back.

"In 1980 they had seven men plus the farmer here on these 430 acres. Couldn't go on. Specialization and mechanization had to be the answer. Not only is a man standing still a cost you dare not bear, so is a man ploughing four furrows who could be ploughing eight."

Now it is a big business, with a turnover of £500,000. "And we do it with two men plus me here half my time. Once a man who had land and three sons would have work for them all. No more. He'll keep one of them to work the land and set up the other two with a combine to be contract harvesters.

> **'Harvesting was when you swallowed dust. Beans were worst — you'd be spitting black for a week'**

"Once you pay £100,000 for a combine you want it working. We earn a bit extra by competing with our estimates to bring in the harvest for other farmers, even though we only have two men to do the lot."

One of those two is Tony Branton, third in a family line of men who have been foremen at Hoo Farm. He talks with awe of the machines he saw in America that advance eight abreast and cut a two-square-mile swathe, and with pride of the 70 acres he can cut himself in a 12-hour day in Suffolk.

But you listen with nostalgic interest to his father, Peter Branton, nearly 70, who retired after 51 years at Hoo and who remembers when "harvesting time was the whole point of your life". Peter Branton began, officially, when he was 14, though he had been helping out since the age of 11 — "driving the tractor standing up with my uncle's overcoat on, case they saw me from the main road".

The new-fangled tractors were just coming in. But he remembers when 32 men worked the farm — "including the chap who looked after the pigs, 2,000 of them. Now there is not a single animal on the farm". Three horses pulled the binder and the women and children came with "the four-zees" (tea and cake carried to *the fields at 4pm) and often* stayed to help with the stacking and carting as men and beasts tired.

There would be maybe 20 men in a field, and perhaps a couple of boys leading the wagon-horses. There was no overtime, but for a month's dawn-to-dusk work from "first-cutting" to "see-it-in" he would get a £5 note. "Big money when my wage was 10 bob a week for 52 hours."

There was a strong community spirit at the harvest. "You'd talk with your mates, mostly about girls. More talk than action them days. The girls were all in service at the halls hereabouts — only got off two afternoons a week. And men'd help out other farmers if they were sick. Or the weather turned nasty. I remember seeing 12 men go into a field laid by a storm and with their scythes salvage 12 acre of oats in a day." These days the villagers can hardly find a man capable of handling a scythe when the churchyard needs reaping.

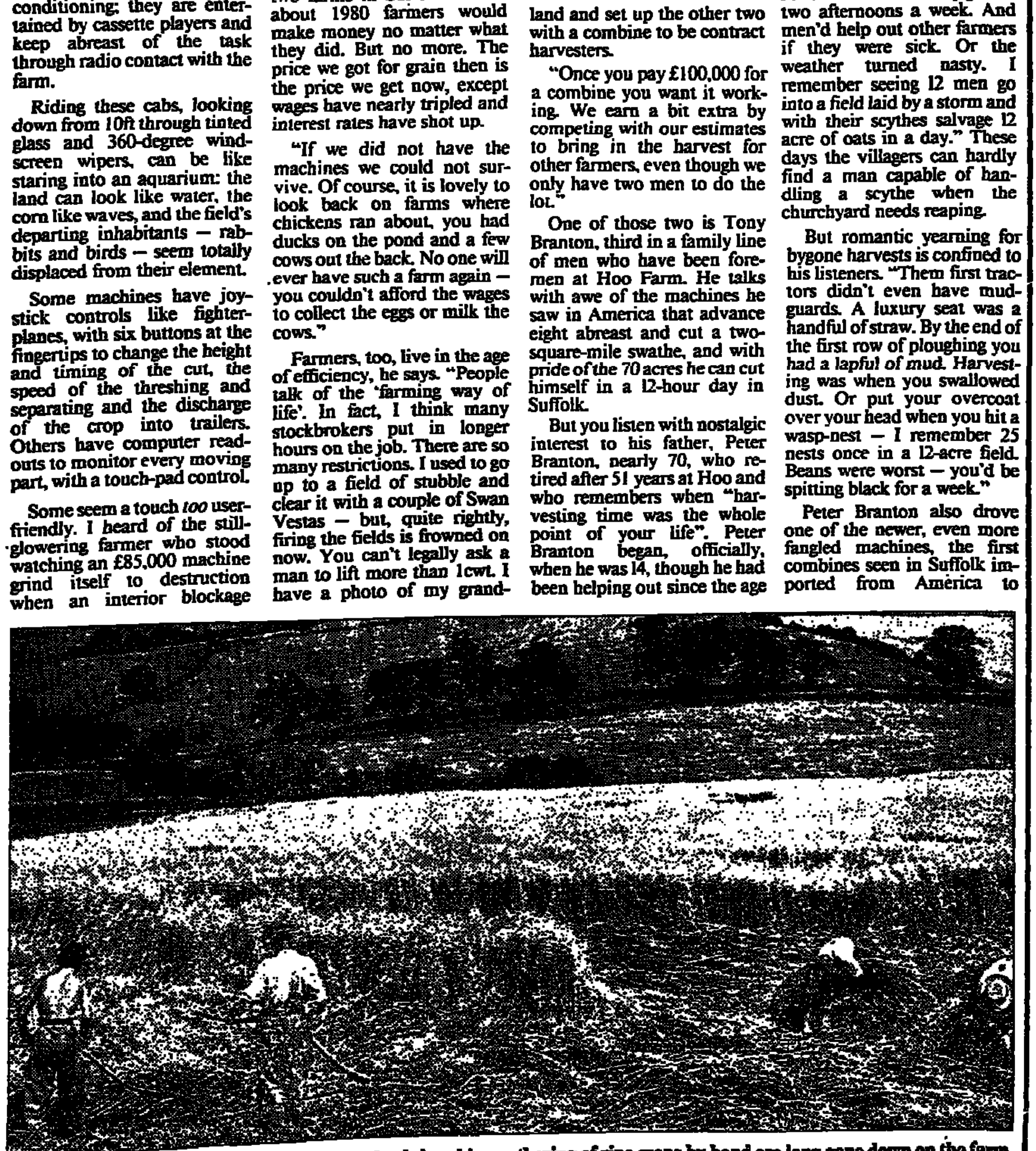
But romantic yearning for bygone harvests is confined to his listeners. "Them first tractors didn't even have mudguards. A luxury seat was a handful of straw. By the end of the first row of ploughing you had a *lapful of mud*. Harvesting was when you swallowed dust. Or put your overcoat over your head when you hit a wasp-nest — I remember 25 nests once in a 12-acre field. Beans were worst — you'd be spitting black for a week."

Peter Branton also drove one of the newer, even more fangled machines, the first combines seen in Suffolk imported from America to Britain for the wartime drive for more food. "They came from all over the county to watch me cut a field. We all knew we were seeing the future." But it took another 40 years of sitting out in the open — eventually with protective face masks or helmets — for machinery manufacturers to begin to treat the men as well as the grain.

Now they are the mechanized elite, as insulated as astronauts for their working day. And when it ends, often long after dark, they drive in late-model cars to villages where perhaps 80 per cent of their neighbours could not tell an ear of wheat from a stem of Evening Primrose.

Yet they are not quite dislocated from their past. Rural vicars know that the best-attended services, rivalled only by Christmas, will be those on October 2, the harvest thanksgiving, and tickets for most harvest suppers have long since been booked.

Do they get bored? "Not for a minute," says Tony Branton. "Tired, yes, but how can you get bored in the few days that show you whether you have done a good year's work? It's a bit like an exam, and this is the result."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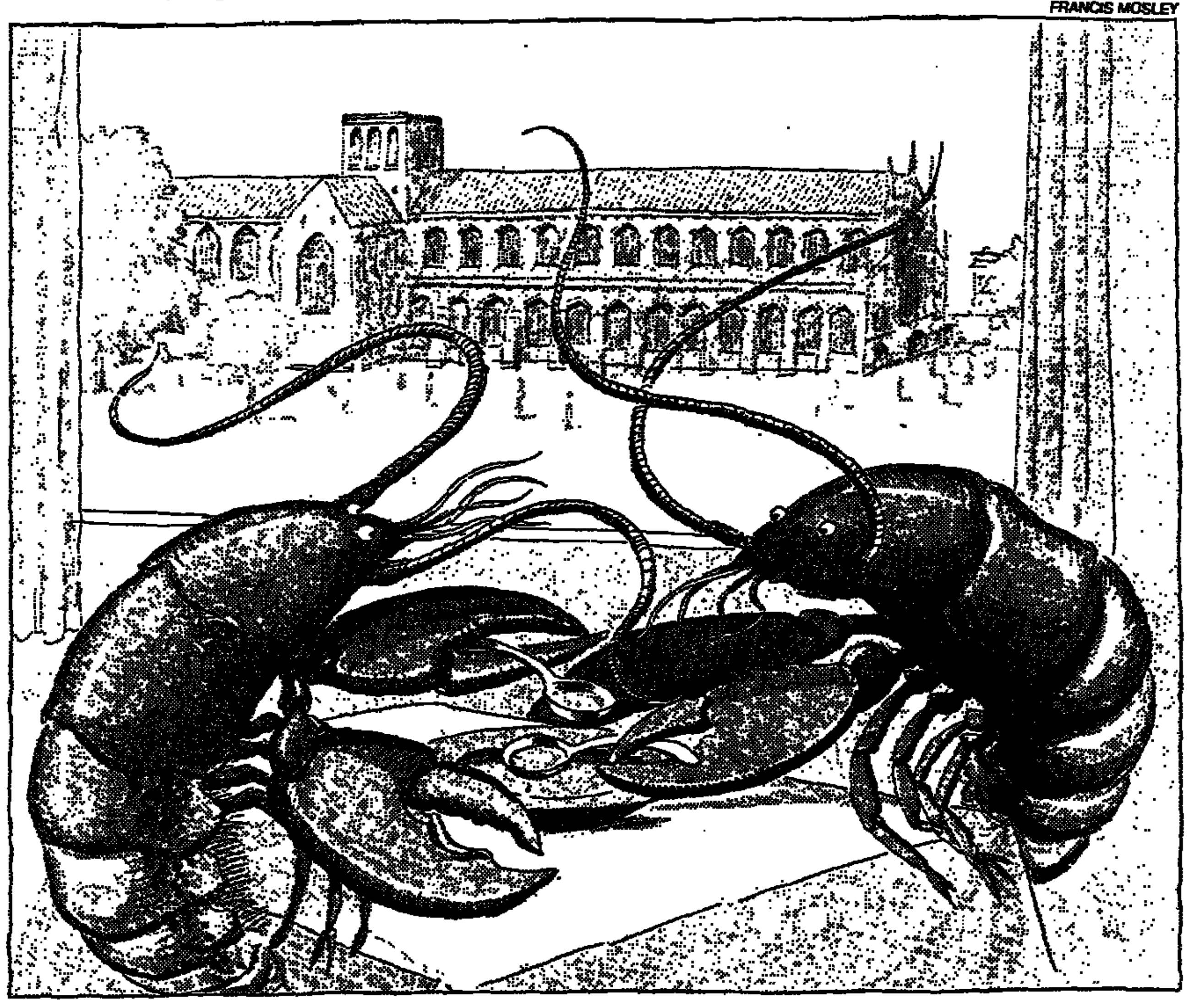
EATING OUT

No kitsch in the kitchen

Jonathan Meades muses on menus from Hampshire and Fulham


FRANCIS MOSLEY

Brann's possesses two important assets. The first is its chef, Nicholas Ruthven-Stuart: a year ago I wrote that his cooking was worth the 80-minute trip from London to Middle Wallop.

This can now be amended to the 70-minute trip from London to Winchester: Mr R-S has picked up his stove and lugged it across the Test and the downs to a site near the Itchen, over-looking Winchester Cathedral. This is Brann's second important asset — the site.

The only trouble with the site is that it remains unexploited at night because the cathedral is, like those of, say, Salisbury and Lincoln, not floodlit. Customers near the bow window of the restaurant can just about make out the sullen bulk of the building and the bogus medievalism of the museum's façade.

The interior of the first floor restaurant is no oil painting or, rather, it has too many oil paintings — someone has had the not very good idea of lining the walls with Munnings prints in identical frames and lighting, each one with a self-important lamp attached to the frame; the prints that aren't by Munnings are of the same genre — rural kitsch, old codger kitsch, doggy kitsch.

The rest of the room is all reproduction furniture and dragged walls and startling carpet. It is not going to get any prizes for its looks but neither is it going to get a wooden spoon.

There are a few things still to be got right — this is a very new restaurant: the bread is poor; the menu descriptions are thankfully succinct, but they are also inaccurate, for example a celeriac purée turned up in lieu of the advertised courgette mousse as an accompaniment to a fine dish of duck with soy and honey and ginger; certain dishes are served in Brobdignagian portions, others in Gulliver-size dollops

But these small failings are undeserving of black marks, and the cooking impresses again and again.

You are given a palate-starter of mushrooms in filo pastry, followed by, say, lobster bisque or "fish" quenelles. The lobster soup is really quite something — very punchily flavoured; the quenelles are made, I suspect, according to the old and correct method of incorporating fish flesh into a panada, rather than the current and frequently encountered method of preparing a mousse and giving it a fancy name. Anyway, these quenelles were well textured, lightish, not too eggy, properly dumpling-like and served in massive quantities with a fine shellfish sauce.

All the sauces here are commendable — beef fillet comes with a shallot and red wine reduction, and "anatomy lesson" guinea fowl with a sauce flavoured with citrus fruit.

Vegetables are not yet up to the standard of those at Fifehead Manor, but the sweets are: sorbets of apple and mango (the latter having the edge); passionfruit mousse; St Emilion au chocolat; toffee pudding; floating islands, and so forth. A sampler plate of the lot is pleasantly incapacitating.

With a bottle of something from the lower reaches of an over-French list, such as the Provençal Chateau Vignelaure '81 or a Petit Chablis, two will pay between £55 and £60.

Provincial cities are the graveyards of ambitious restaurants, and the fact that Brann's was half-full on a Monday night is presumably indicative of Winchester's mutation into being an affluent outer-suburb of London; the customers certainly suggested this.

They would not have seemed out of place at Hiders in Fulham, which is evidently *the* place for that segment of the middle-aged, middle-browed, middle-class that considers Jilly Cooper a hoot.

Loud voices and loud striped shirts may not be *de rigueur*, but they are certainly preferred — here is a subaltern of perhaps 23 years discussing with his mother the possibility of jacking in the martial life to become a Tory candidate; here is a "vivacious" party in her late-thirties, braying: "More shampoo, more shampoo". And here is the greeter, who is also "vivacious", chappish, prone to lapse into cod French, but for all that a good sort and an efficient one, too — this restaurant runs like clockwork.

It also serves far better cooking than one might expect. They do a chicken and goat cheese mousse which may or may not be a lift of the near identical dish at Kensington Place; it is, anyway, pretty sound, with a top of chopped olive and a dressing of olive oil and anchovy.

Pork fillet billed as "collop" — the menu's vocabulary is endlessly fanciful — is given a sauce that is supposed to be of tomato and basil and tastes all right, even though its ingredients are indiscernible. Two more odd, but very pleasant, sauces accompany a dish of lamb kidney and sweetbreads.

With the exception of an abundantly creamy potato gratin, the vegetables are not interesting. But the sweets and the cheeses are: a wonderful crème brulée with raspberries buried in it, and a selection of British and French farmhouse samples, which puts to shame many grander restaurants.

I guess that Hiders might be considered a grand restaurant in miniature; as I say, it runs very smoothly, possesses a notably attentive and amiable staff, and looks good. It would look better were it not so dimly lit.

The style is one of cleverly extemporized opulence: curtained mirrors, Victorian prints and paintings, a 1920s boardroom portrait, comfortable chairs, a banquette scattered with Paisley cushions. With a bottle of Domaine Julien Doussot's '84 Beaune Bressandes, the bill was £62.

BRANN'S
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★★★★★★
£60 for two, including wine and service. Access, Amex, Visa. noon-2.30pm and 6-10.30pm, Mon *to Sat. Children* welcome. Wheelchair access.

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DIRECTORY

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent months — managements and standards may have *changed.* Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for *cooking* rather than swags and chandeliers. Dishes described are included to give an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a *three-course* meal with drinks for two, and *are determined* according to the "When in Rome" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; *beer or lassi in the case* of Indian ones and so on. **JM.**

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Bibendum
Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 5817)
★★★★★★★
Elegant and fashionable restaurant *which* raises bistro and brasserie dishes of the day-before-yesterday to heights they never scaled then. *Some* of Simon Hopkinson's sauces err on the side of over-emphasis but the majority of the *classic* dishes are spot on: tête de veau, oeufs en meurette, fine steaks, outstanding beef daube *and tarte fine aux pommes.* Overpriced but undeniably impressive wines. £100

Port's
11 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (01-581 3837)
★★★★★
Chic Portuguese basement which serves some really good dishes, notably salt cod grilled with garlic and chilli and served with fine olive oil, and a cabbage soup flavoured with chorizo. Interesting native cheeses and wines. £55

Turner's
87 Walton Street, London SW3 (01-584 6711)
★★★★★★
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Montpeliano
13 Montpelier Street, London SW7 (01-589 0032)
★★★
Adami prints, tiles like nougat, a manager dressed to present Blue Peter — this Italian joint aims to be *fun. And it just about manages it.* The kitchen tries hard though much of what it turns out is pretty crude: sweetbreads with prosciuto like caff bacon, rather hefty sweets. Breadcrumbed brains with lemon butter are good, so is the (warmed) raw beef with rosemary and olive oil. Cheap decent wines. £45.

St Quentin
243 Brompton Road, London SW3 (01-589 8005)
★★★★★
High class bistro stuffed full of elegant mirrors and elegant people. It serves a sweet of oranges and bitter chocolate that's among the *best in* London and another that's also pretty good — prunes with armagnac and honey ice cream. Before this: *red mullet* with olive oil and coriander, warm oysters with sabayon sauce. £66

TAPAS

Don Pepe
99 Frampton Street, London NW8 (01-262 3834)
★★★
Animated Galician bar and restaurant that is *an unofficial* club for local Spaniards. The bar is rather better than the restaurant. Asturian bean stew called fabada, black puddings, mountain ham, *tortilla* and skewered pork are all commendable. Tapas £16, meal £35.

Bar Escoba
102 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-373 2403)
★
Ersatz tapas served in a former pub done over by the trendiest designers of 1986. The lack of *accuracy* in the cooking is rather astonishing. Good for teenagers with wrecked taste buds. £40

Meson Don Felipe
53 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 3237)
★★
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OUT OF TOWN

Le Marais
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★★★★★
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Oakes
169 Slad Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire (04536 79950)
★★★★★★
The dining room *is like a drab* tea room but the cooking is rather special: mullet on potato galette, veal with a first rate marsala sauce, potent leek soup. The set lunch is a bargain. At dinner two will pay £55.

The Roadhouse Restaurant
16 High Street Road near Northampton (0604 863372)
★★★★★★
The dining room is English tea-shoppe-like. The cooking is gutsy, strong on game — fine woodcock, pheasant pâté en croute with a Cumberland sauce. Attentive service, decent cheap wines, serious cheeses. A useful place in a gastronomically barren part of England. £50.

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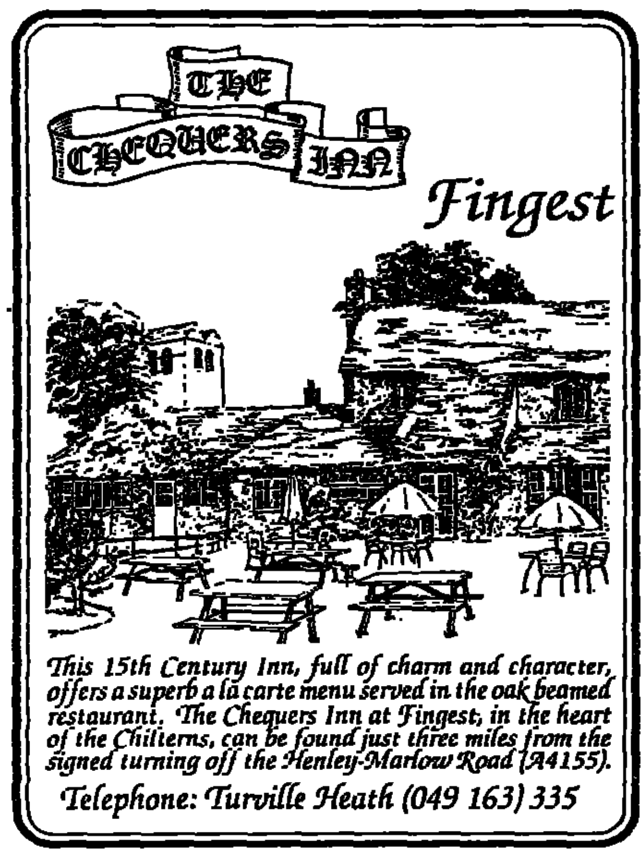
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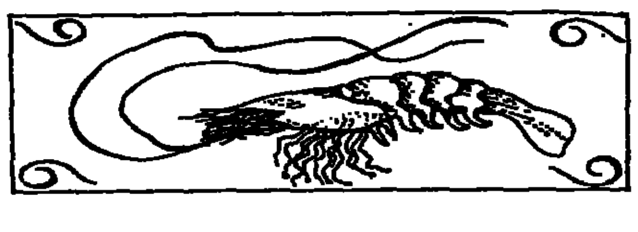

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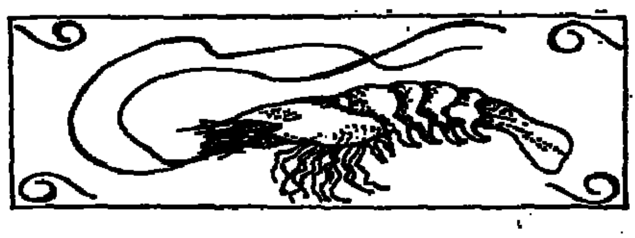

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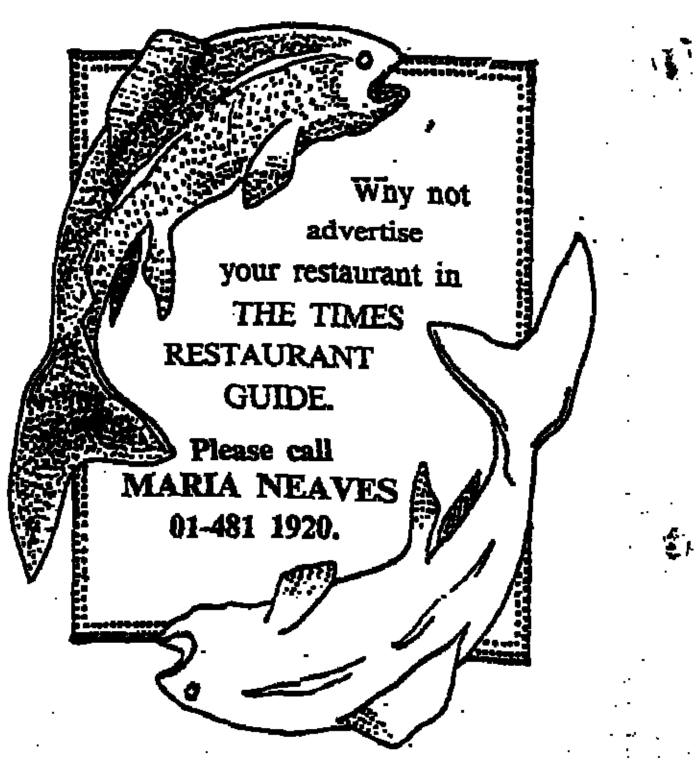
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THE TIMES COOK

The best treat for a cook at the end of a tiring day, **Frances Bissell** suggests, is to be told that somebody else has dinner almost ready at home

Syrup salad and turkey delight

I had telephoned to ask if I should buy any food on the way home and was told that I didn't need to, dinner was almost ready. What a treat! What a relief after a four-hour committee meeting. Even nicer than being taken out for dinner is being cooked for, especially at home. Rich, delicious smells wafted down from our top floor flat to meet me as I opened the front door. Chicken, I thought; a casserole, or roasted perhaps, with plenty of garlic.

My husband, Tom, handed me a glass of white wine, and with it, a small square of brown bread on which was balanced a smoked oyster. Our "hoarder's corner" had proved useful for him obviously. Smoked oysters are nothing like the fresh ones, but they are considerably cheaper and have an agreeable texture and satisfying flavour. Like sardines and anchovies, they make very good instant canapés. Tom said he would be quite happy to claim to guests that he had smoked them himself provided that he remembered to get rid of the empty tins. We demolished a plateful of these little dainties, but the appetizing smell still remained a secret to me.

First I was served a salad with a truly remarkable dressing. My husband has always praised mine, but he modestly claimed his to be "the best in the world". He said that he had all the other ingredients and was ready to mix them together when he spotted a small bottle of maple syrup. I'm quite certain maple syrup has been put over every kind of pancake in North America but never in a salad dressing. Well, it worked. But remember that even the very best salad dressing is useless unless it has the freshest lettuce leaves to go on.

I almost forgot. He also found a packet of unsalted pecan halves and used them as well. A few nuts in a salad can often make it that much more tasty.

Here is Tom's recipe.

DIANA LEADBETTER

Salad dressing

extra virgin olive oil
white wine vinegar
lavender vinegar or any other
similarly exotic vinegar

To taste:

soy sauce
angostura bitters
salt and pepper
maple syrup
pecan or walnut halves

As you have probably already gathered, you will be doing a lot of tasting in this recipe. First you need a large mixing bowl, the bigger the better. Put 4 tablespoons of olive oil in first, and then slowly pour in, a few drops at a time, the white wine vinegar. Mix it about and when it is palatable, add a little of the lavender vinegar. Mix it some more, and add the soy sauce and bitters. Mix and add the salt and pepper.

It should be tasting pretty good at this stage, and now is the time to add the maple syrup. Do, and mix again. It should taste wonderful now. But if it doesn't knock you for six, throw it out and start all over again. The main thing to remember is that you have to rely on your own taste. There is no such thing as the 'correct' recipe for this. Don't feel that you can't add a pinch more of bitters or bit more of soy sauce. If you're frightened at the thought of doing this, then go read a book and let someone else take over in the kitchen.

Tom's next course was absolutely delicious. And it wasn't chicken but rather a very small turkey. He had seen it in our local supermarket, couldn't resist buying it, but he decided to cook it himself, knowing that I would probably grumble about it being dull and boring. Here again is his recipe:

Tom's small fresh juicy turkey

Serves 3 to 4

4lb/1.8kg fresh turkey
½ lemon or lime
cloves of garlic to taste, *peeled and sliced*
salt and pepper
6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
¼pint/70ml eau de vie or brandy
½ bottle of decent dry white wine (a good Muscadet or new world Chardonnay, for instance)

Put all the giblets in a separate pot, and simmer gently with some vegetables and herbs to make stock for another day, except the liver which you should fry up with a little olive oil in a hot pan to nibble while preparing the turkey (a glass of the white wine to drink wouldn't be bad either at this stage). Run cold water over and through the turkey to clean it. Dry thoroughly with paper towels.

Then take half a lemon or lime, and rub it all over the bird. Take the garlic slices and stick them underneath the skin everywhere. Throw a medium size onion and another handful of garlic slices into where you would normally stuff the turkey. Salt and pepper the bird all over. Put the 6 tablespoons of olive oil in your biggest casserole, and heat it on the stove until it gets very hot. Put the turkey in and brown it all over. Get out your brandy and pour about ⅛ of a pint/70ml over the turkey. Stand back, light it, and let it burn until it goes out. It should smell wonderful. I used some Aguardente Bagaceira that we got on holiday in Portugal years ago. In California it is known as 'block 'n' fall': you drink it, walk a block and fall over.

I prefer eau de vie to cheap brandy for flaming poultry. Chicken flamed in white Tequila, for instance, is wonderful. The turkey is now ready for the oven, but before you put it in, pour the rest of the white wine over it – about a half a bottle or so. And don't forget to put the lid on the casserole. Cook at gas mark 2, 150°C/300°F, for about 3 hours, checking every now and then to see how it is doing.

Because the turkey has not been trussed up while cooking, it won't be the best looking bird to put on the table. So joint it, and arrange on a large serving plate with some courgettes that you have sliced up very thin and fried in olive oil for a few minutes. I was going to call this recipe 'drunken turkey', but of course, all the alcohol evaporates while cooking.

I can report that the stock made excellent soup the next day, and the left-over meat made a couple of delicious sandwiches.

Next, we shared a piece of Cantal, a smooth, firm, French cheese, and some blue Wensleydale. Both were wonderful with chilled white muscat grapes.

And finally, here is Tom's recipe for a sweet. "Buy a pint of vanilla ice cream. Put two scoops in a bowl, and pour rum over them. If you have some violet fudge sauce by McNeill's, put this on too. Serve cold."

With more time available, he might have tackled a clafoutis. This batter pudding is one of our favourite recipes and one that I cook often, varying it according to whatever fruit is in season. Plums or blueberries would be excellent at this time of year.

Autumn fruit clafoutis

Serves 4

2oz/60g unsalted butter
1lb/455g prepared fruit
¾ pint/430ml milk
3oz/85g plain flour
3 size 3 eggs
3oz/85g sugar
grated nutmeg or ground cinnamon

Preheat the oven to gas mark 4, 180°C/350°F. Thickly butter a 10in/25cm or 12in/30cm quiche or tart dish with half the butter. Place the fruit on the bottom. Make a batter of milk, flour, eggs and sugar and pour over the fruit. Dot with the remaining butter, and sprinkle with a pinch of nutmeg or cinnamon, or a mixture of both if you wish, and bake in the oven for about 45 minutes or until puffy and golden brown.

Remove from the oven, and expect the clafoutis to sink slightly. It has a fairly solid texture, not a light delicate one. Serve warm, with single or double cream or crème fraîche if you prefer.

FOOD

Potent taste of the South

The garlic in tonight's chicken Kiev probably came from slightly closer to home than the sunny Mediterranean

The new season's garlic is in, and if you shop at Marks & Spencer, Tesco or Sainsbury the chances are that it comes not from France, Italy or Spain, but from the Isle of Wight.

Colin Boswell has been growing garlic on the island since 1977 and will be supplying the supermarkets with about 125 tons of home-grown produce this year. More importantly from the domestic consumer's point of view, he has made it possible for the supermarkets' domestic economists to develop the high quality, fresh, chilled "recipe dishes" that have made entertaining at home easy even for people who cannot cook.

A ton of Boswell's King Cob garlic goes into pre-prepared chicken Kiev every week. Another ton goes on to pre-seasoned steaks and such, replacing dehydrated garlic and garlic salt and suddenly making the dishes taste right.

Without high quality garlic available straight from the grower, the manufacturers who supply the supermarkets would have had a much more difficult time, because garlic is a tender crop which damages easily in handling. Once the cell structure of the bulb is damaged oxidation quickly mars the flavour.

Boswell worked in market research and advertising before returning to farming. He saw the developing interest in cookery, and chose garlic as the second crop to complement his family's existing speciality — sweetcorn.

It was a bold choice, not just on geographic grounds, but also because garlic is a high-cost, high-risk crop, prone to attack by eelworm, botrytis and rust, and favoured for theft by rooks in sping, and by human beings — who have little difficulty smelling it out — when it is almost ready for harvesting.

Not surprising, then, that Boswell is still the country's only large-scale commercial producer, but by continuous clonal selection he has developed a type of garlic with proven ability to grow and ripen in the United Kingdom.

There is a keen demand for seed from amateur gardeners

Isle of Wight garlic most resembles the French Rose d'Auvergne from which it has been developed, a pink mountain garlic with long keeping quality. The outer covering of the bulb is white, but the individual cloves have a pink tint in the skin.

Unlike the big, fat and rather mild white-skinned varieties grown around Cavaillon and Beaumont near Toulouse, which are used lavishly in the garlicky cuisines of southern France, Isle of Wight garlic keeps well beyond Christmas, concentrating its strength of flavour as it loses moisture. It finally becomes rather harsh and coarse as the new shoot develops in February or March. With cold storage, though, Isle of Wight garlic would probably keep until July if stocks lasted that long.

The more strongly flavoured and longer-lasting pink garlics are better used economically in dishes that require a background of garlic rather than those in which garlic is intended to predominate.

To satisfy the supermarkets (which are not prepared to shop around) Boswell must be able to keep them supplied with garlic right through the year. He therefore has close links with growers in France, Spain and California from whom he imports supplementary supplies. Boswell says the Isle of Wight garlic, harvested and cleaned by closely supervised 14 to 18-year-olds during the island's school holidays, is every bit as good as the best he can obtain from abroad.

In part that may also be due to the exceptional light intensity the Isle of Wight enjoys in the growing months of April, May and June, compensating for the cooler climate. Boswell grows sweetcorn in France as well as on the Isle of Wight, but found he had to go as far south as Bordeaux to achieve ripening 10 days earlier than could be managed on the island.

The now well-acclimatized Isle of Wight garlic will, though, grow and ripen very satisfactorily in most areas of the United Kingdom, and Boswell is now supplying a keen demand for seed from amateur gardeners who are interested in growing their own. The important thing, he says, is to plant in November and not to make the mistake of leaving it until spring.

Boswell's garlic has also become a vital ingredient in the renaissance of British cuisine. Many British caterers are apparently too lazy to clean and skin their own garlic, so his company, Mersley Farms, is now supplying a rapidly increasing demand for ready-cleaned cloves. Orders for peeled garlic are filled by a 24-hour delivery service nationwide, though carriers' charges make it uneconomic to order less than 10 kilograms.

Next Boswell plans to launch long-life peeled garlic — its secret being in the careful peeling and protective packaging.

The British, apparently, are still inclined to hate garlic, but it is no longer the taste or smell they object to — only the fiddly business of getting it ready to use.

Robin Young

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DRINK

A case of sour grapes

New laws aimed at lifting the quality and image of German wines have got bogged down in Teutonic bureaucracy

When are Britain's wine merchants going to take German wine seriously? And when are the British going to find modestly-priced German wines that are worth drinking?

The answer, alas, is not yet. Earlier this year, after the Germans had announced that several long-overdue improvements to the German wine laws would come with the 1989 harvest, I was filled with optimism. But last week, after a high powered luncheon with the likes of Hugh Johnson and Dr Franz Michel, head of the German wine institute, I could not have felt more gloomy about the future of German wines.

Germany's keenly awaited reform of the appallingly constructed 1971 wine law, to reduce yields and simplify labelling, is stuck somewhere in the tangled web of Teutonic bureaucracy and could take years to unravel. As Dr Reinhard Muth from the Weingut Rappenhof in the Rheinhessen depressingly put it: "I know how slowly the mills are milling."

Meanwhile confusion rules and Germany's plentiful supply of greedy producers, who are no doubt pressuring the German government to leave things as they are, continue to follow the quantity-not-quality route.

Who can blame British wine merchants for accusing these same producers of "churning out vast quantities of rather tasteless, uninteresting wines" (the Wine Society) and "flooding world markets with cheap sugar water of dubious origin" (Windrush Wines)?

How Germany got into this mess is easy to see. In recent years a series of unsavoury wine scandals has destroyed confidence. So too has the existence of those evil, cheap EEC table wine blends. These bottles contain dreary, low price, low quality Italian wine enhanced with a splash of German wine, and passed off with Teutonic-like names and labels to consumers, most notably ourselves, who think they have bought a bottle of German wine.

The main culprit, however, is the 1971 German wine law. Instead of giving an incentive to Germany's top wine producers to carry on making first-class wine, it actually and incredibly did the reverse. Its basic principle is the sweeter a wine is, the better it is, regardless of where the wine comes from or what grape variety it is made from. This gave a splendid financial incentive to uncaring, unscrupulous producers to plant early ripening, hardy, high yielding cross-breeds such as Bacchus, Huxelrebe and Ortega, with alien and curious Muscat-like scents.

Sadly, these inferior cross-breeds ripen and achieve one of the upper sweet quality levels such as the Spätlese and Auslese all too easily. Unlike the spine-tingling concentration of fruit, sweetness and acidity found in a great Riesling Auslese, however, the Bacchus equivalent will merely produce a bland, sweet, boring mouthful.

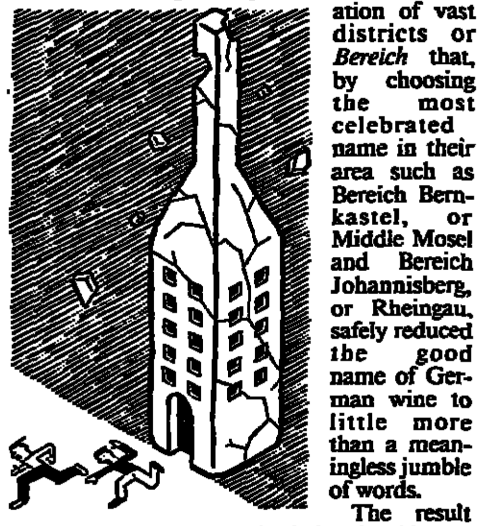
The 1971 law further debased fine German wines by not tightening and tidying up the differences between vast regions, large districts and individual vineyards. This gave rise to today's extraordinarily complicated German wine labels, which must be the most detailed and confusing in the world.

In the old days only the finest German wines, with top reputations in suntrap first-class sites, carried the vineyard name, or Einzellage, in addition to the more commonly used village name. These same sunny sites were also the producers, in rare very hot years of luscious, large harvests, concentrated quality wines with labels that read Auslese, Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese.

Sadly after the war these quality descriptions began to be used on all levels of German wine and it no longer became possible to sort the wheat from the chaff by reading the label.

Instead of putting an end to these unjust, untrue practices, the 1971 law endorsed them. Sugar, or *Suss-reserve*, could be added to the lower QbA level wines, thus creating a flood of dull, sugary wines that aped the finest, sweetest wines; around 3,000 different *Einzellage* names were approved (by no means all first-class sites), and a second indistinguishable misleading category of vineyard designation, the *Grosslage* or group of vineyards, was invented for those who wanted the cachet of a village name even if their wines lacked the quality.

About 150 of these catch-all titles were created. Worse still was the creation of vast districts or *Bereich* that, by choosing the most celebrated name in their area such as Bereich Bernkastel, or Middle Mosel and Bereich Johannisberg, or Rheingau, safely reduced the good name of German wine to little more than a meaningless jumble of words.


ERIC BEAUMONT

The result was an indistinguishable sea of German wine, and nowhere was it more apparent than in the UK. For years we have lapped up the stuff at a rate that is frighteningly dedicated. Last year our imports of German wine were up again and we swallowed 60 per cent of Germany's total shipment, making us her biggest export market by far.

This means that German wines are responsible for over a third of all the still and sparkling wine drunk in the UK. And Germany is the leader in the UK's white wine sales, with a 40 per cent-plus share of the market.

Unlovely Liebfraumilch is still chiefly responsible for these impressive figures. And most Liebfraumilch will go on being unlovely until the proportion of "classic" grapes, which include Kerner, Muller-Thurgau and Silvaner in addition to Riesling, used to produce this wine is raised from the current 51 per cent, to a hoped-for 70 per cent (and eventually a worthwhile 85 *per cent*).

Like the reduced yields and simplified labelling this 1971 wine law amendment is supposed to take effect next year, but bureaucratic bungling could take much longer.

Given such slow progress, Germany's fine wine producers have not surprisingly taken the law into their own hands in an effort to raise quality in their own areas.

Several groups of producers, such as the Charta group with their fine Rheingau rieslings, and the VDP or quality wine estates association, have come together to fight the low-cost, low-quality opposition.

Unfortunately, these fine estate wines account for only a tiny percentage of the wine produced in Germany, perhaps three per cent at most.

Still, there is light at the end of the dark German wine *tunnel*.

The recent trend to *trocken* (dry) or *halbtrocken* (medium dry) German wines has improved standards. Sugar covers a multitude of sins, but it is hard to sell a low-quality dry wine, and the new breed of dry commercial wines such as Sichel's Dry, with its pleasant, light, dry, flowery-appley style, are infinitely preferable to their sweeter relations.

Simpler labels such as Riesling Dry also help the consumer. So try the dry, palatable, elegantly packaged Deinhard Heritage Selection using the straightforward *Bereich* terms of Bernkastel, Johannisberg and the like.

The perfumed, grapey, elderflower-like Piesport has a dry yet rounded taste, that does, as Deinhard hoped, go well with food, especially fish. So does the spicier, earthier, full-flavoured Hochheim, whose best partner is fowl.

These commercially oriented dry German wines do seem in this market the best long term quality bet that Germany has.

As Dr Muth puts it: "We are optimistic. We are fighting for the necessary changes in law, the necessary changes in marketing and winemaking.

"We know we are only taking small steps forward, but we know we are going the right way."

Let's hope they are.

Jane MacQuitty

ARTS INTERVIEW

Still rolling with the punches

Keith Richards, the driving force of the Rolling Stones, is about to launch a solo assault on the record-buying public. He tells **David Sinclair** that he is championing 'mature rock'n'roll'

Having lunched on fish and chips, he arrives very nearly on time and crosses the plush hotel room in several long, loping strides, his white, rose-patterned shirt flowing open around him. He heads for the bottle of Jack Daniels with a purposeful air, pours a glass, tops it up with ginger ale and lights a Marlboro. Tucked out of sight in the pocket of his cord trousers is a wicked-looking, retractable, bone-handled knife – "I feel naked without it" – and resting on his skinny shoulders is a weight of mythology which few would be able to carry with such nonchalance.

At 44, Keith Richards has proved himself to be indisputably tougher than the rest, and still remains the personification of rock's delinquent tendency. As perhaps the key figure in the Rolling Stones he has contributed a pivotal musical legacy and emerged battered-looking but unbowed from 26 years of barely imaginable mayhem.

Only last month, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was voted the best record of the past 25 years in a *Rolling Stone* magazine critics' poll. The accompanying commentary suggested that the opening guitar riff was "the rock'n'roll equivalent to Beethoven's Fifth".

"I'm flattered," Richards says, "but I wonder what Beethoven would have to say about it."

Now, despite initial misgivings, he is about to release his first solo album. "I'd always felt that the idea of making a solo album would mean that I'd failed to keep the Stones together, which was something I always figured I could do."

However, when Mick Jagger declined to tour to promote the Rolling Stones' 1986 album, *Dirty Work*, and then smartly set about recording and promoting his second solo album instead, Richards was forced to take a rain check on his long-standing policy. In partnership with the session drummer Steve Jordan, whom he met in Paris during the making of *Dirty Work*, Richards convened a stellar mob of predominantly American musicians, including Funkadelic bassist Bootsy Collins, Allman Brothers keyboard player Chuck Leavell and James Brown's sax player Maceo Parker. The resulting recording is a grainy, refreshingly soulful collection of 11 new songs entitled *Talk Is Cheap*.

"I'm quite happy with it, especially for a first bash," pronounces Richards, who is now planning to record solo again. "As I said to the Stones, 'If you let me out of the cage you'll have a job getting me back in'." Indeed, he has a four-piece band from the sessions including Jordan on drums, which he plans to take on a tour of the American theatre circuit before Christmas.

The relationship between Jagger and Richards, never smooth at the best of times, hit rock bottom in the aftermath of *Dirty Work* and the frank airing of grievances in interviews, which led some observers to conclude that at long last it really was all over for the Stones. Not so, according to Richards, who states categorically that plans are in hand for an album and a tour next year.

"I've seen Mick quite a lot recently for an evening here and there. Sometimes it's been quite encouraging and other times I fly off the handle. But it has to come out. To me, it's like growing pains more than anything else. I think that the Stones can definitely get back together and still do some interesting stuff, because I think they're in a unique position. After all, the audience has grown up along with the music and we've grown up with it, and I don't see any reason why you can't have mature rock'n'roll. Even if you can't, well, let's find out. The Stones shouldn't toss that opportunity away."

> **‘You pay a tax on success: physically, mentally, the way your personality changes’**

By most accounts, Richards has been lucky to arrive at a position where he can talk about investigating the possibilities of "mature rock'n'roll". His lined face bears testament to the kind of lifestyle which has consigned many of his peers to an early grave.

"You never know what the job entails until you're too far in to get out. You pay a tax on success: physically, mentally, and in the way your personality changes. Also, the industrial accident rate in rock'n'roll is pretty high. It's not a particularly easy job and there are high risks just on the level of having to take those dodgy charter planes and driving so many miles, year in year out. Then there are the inner problems. A lot of musicians are fragile characters, and yet you are constantly exposed. So you look for something to dull it or to beef you up. And dope is the first obvious thing that's going to fool you into thinking you're dealing with it."

Although Richards has cleaned up his act since his arrest in Toronto in 1977, he is not the sort of person to be found checking for E numbers on goods in the supermarket. "You can't knock it, people wanting to keep fit, but I think it's become a bit of a mania. I watch these guys jogging in New York, hammering their joints and knees and ankles. You shouldn't go stomping about on concrete like that. It's not good for you." Anita Pallenberg, who bore Richards's first two children, Marlon (19) and Angela (16), and was his partner in crime during the days of his heaviest excesses, now works for Narcotics Anonymous.

"I'm not saying that some people don't need it, but to me the idea of joining a group and talking about something that you've stopped doing suggests that you're still hooked on it. You could use that time more productively in other ways."

Richards is now married to Patti Hansen, a former model, who has blessed him with another two children. "I've always been a bit of a family man, myself," he says, beaming. "I take the dog for a walk. I enjoy it immensely, although now and again things clash. I might be out with the kids and some guy comes up going: 'Yeah man, Sympathy for the Devil', and I say: 'I'm just taking the kids to church, Goddamit.'

"I love having kids about. They give you back that warmth and innocence which is so necessary, because if you forget it entirely or have it knocked out of you as you grow up, you can become very cynical and hard."

Among other recent projects, Richards organized an all-star backing band to accompany Chuck Berry in a concert which provided footage for the feature film *Hail! Hail! Rock'n'Roll*. In it some remarkable fly-on-the-wall sequences showed Berry in rehearsals shouting the odds at Richards for not playing his, (Berry's) riffs correctly.

"Chuck thought that all those rehearsals were for the band, he didn't realize that they were for him. He wouldn't have thought in a million years that it was him who needed to rehearse, and it's not the sort of thing you can tell him. I knew it was going to be a difficult job. I had to watch the finished film with him at the New York Film Festival at the Lincoln Centre in New York. We were sitting together in this little balcony. When it got to the bit in the film where I'm suggesting that maybe Chuck didn't really write the songs – that the melodies were knocked together by Johnnie Johnson, his piano player – I started to wish that I'd worn a parachute."

Richards divides his time between New York, where he has an apartment, and Jamaica, where he has lived on and off for 18 years. He was relieved to hear that his house had been spared the worst ravages of Hurricane Gilbert.

"It's a very sturdy place. We lost a few trees in the garden, that's all. But I've got about a hundred Rastas, friends of mine, encircling the joint just for now, because there's a lot of looting going on. Jamaica is a very volatile place, but to me it's a lot of fun. The Caribbean culture is so inspiring. I just love their originality and their humour and their warmth."

Does anything in life intimidate him?

"I haven't found anything for a long time. I can't say there is any more. Not since I was woken up by 15 Canadian Mounties in order to be arrested. That was when I said 'Enough's enough. If I get out of this I'm staying out'."

- *Talk Is Cheap* by Keith Richards is released on October 3.

GRAHAM WOOD

The personification of rock's delinquent tendency: Keith Richards, drawing on 26 years' work

THE SUNDAY TIMES

MACMILLAN

The Scandal of the Prime Minister's Wife.

Exclusive extracts from the official biography.

Behind the urbane mask of the senior statesman who was nicknamed 'Supermac' lay a remarkable private tragedy.

In 1929 his wife Dorothy fell in love with Robert Boothby, one of Macmillan's closest friends, and he with her. Their passionate affair continued throughout most of Macmillan's life.

Tomorrow The Sunday Times publishes extracts from Alistair Horne's penetrating new biography of Macmillan, and reveals for the first time, with Macmillan's full co-operation, the private heartbreak of the public figure.

TOMORROW

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THE ARTS

Culture, as made in Korea

Our current fascination with Korea knows no limits, at least for the next couple of weeks; but it seems to be stretching a point to make this the excuse for a whip around Korean culture for the first film in this season's *Omnibus* (BBC1). Perhaps this was really an example of the new television phenomenon recently identified by Bob Woffinden as "oblique promotion", whereby people with books to promote do not go as far as appearing on *Wogan*, but are available to make films connected with their recent publications.

Hence Simon Winchester, an admirable observer and political analyst, found himself rather oddly cast here in the role of cultural commentator. He retaliated by making as much of the film as he possibly could about Korea's political situation and the effect this might have had on its culture. This went over old ground (those border sequences looked straight out of the Max Hastings Korean War series), and the political division was of far less moment than that between new and old, between preservation of tradition and progressive Westernization.

TELEVISION

The spectacle of a Vienna Boys Choir of Korean children and dancers practising traditional ballet steps was faintly depressing when set beside the wealth of local culture.

The problem is that once a cultural tradition has been broken, reviving it can look like mere nostalgia, and that seems to be a danger here in the shift of government funding from the new back to the old. But Winchester elicited some notable comments about the mood of Korean culture — more sad than happy, one musician conceded. A dance teacher said it was "movement in stillness".

The anniversary of the Munich Agreement surfaced again in *God Bless You, Mr Chamberlain* (BBC2), a film by Robert Harris in stark contrast to the recent anti-British Channel 4 film; this one portrayed Chamberlain as a misguided but firm and idealistic statesman who did his best to prevent war. Conservative politicians and former associates argued the correctness of his delaying tactics with Hitler, but to say that "he helped to lay the foundations for final victory" is, even with the generosity of hindsight, pushing it a bit.

William Holmes

A change of image for the concrete city

For a palace of the arts, the South Bank complex is anything but palatial. **Richard Morrison** looks at two rival schemes which hope to inject some colour into the area

However impressive the South Bank Board's plans are for music-making inside the Festival Hall (discussed on the Arts Page last Saturday), they may well be overshadowed by the massive schemes for redevelopment outside. Not before time, perhaps. For years, the concrete jungle between Waterloo Station and the river has been an embarrassment to all those charged with making the South Bank a centre of cultural excellence.

It is a concentration of brutalist architecture and puddle-strewn walkways, bereft of joy and beauty, and humanized only to the extent that its vast ground-level concrete bowls are inhabited by a sad array of dossers, and its main pedestrian link to the West End (the seedy Hungerford Bridge) has turned into a beggars' Mecca. Moreover, just next door is the car park wilderness around Jubilee Gardens — perhaps the dimmest use of river frontage in central London.

Two ambitious schemes, each funded by powerful property-developing interests, now propose to change all this. The South Bank Board's own plan is well established, although its major element — the construction of a 120,000 ft roof to enclose the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery — has yet to receive planning permission; and even one comparatively preliminary stage (demolishing the elevated walkways on the south side of the Festival Hall), scheduled to begin a year ago, has yet to start. One reason for the delay is that the South Bank Board became constitutionally independent of the Arts Council only this April.

Terry Farrell: Stanhope's architect

The irony is that the South Bank Board has conceived far bolder changes than those proposed when the Festival Hall was controlled by the supposedly radical GLC. The Queen Elizabeth Hall interior has already been "theatre-fied", and the fashionable American acoustics guru Abe Melzer has been called in to suggest sonic improvements. (The proposal to dig an orchestral pit is apparently still a possibility, despite the QEH's solid concrete foundations.)

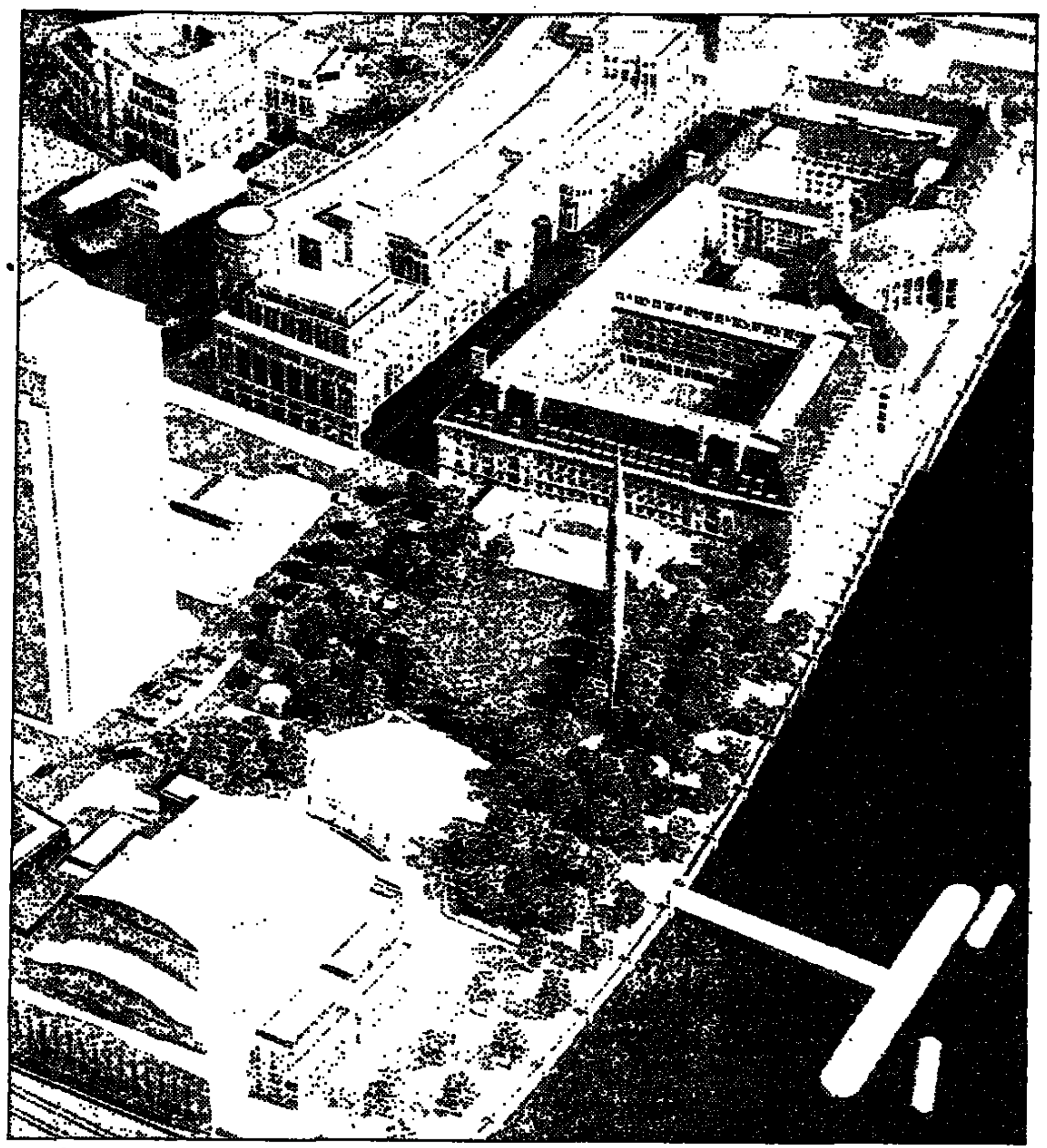
Catering and shopping facilities inside the Festival Hall have been extended, a new restaurant (given the droll title "Review") opens this month and, on the few summer evenings available in London, a brave attempt has been made to give the river frontage at least a semblance of continental café life.

If the grand "cover-all" scheme goes through, the South Bank could become another Covent Garden. The £50 million project is backed by Stanhope Properties, which is also developing the Charing Cross site directly opposite across the river, and the architect is Terry Farrell, creator of the "eggcup" TV-am studios. With the area from the Festival Hall to Waterloo Bridge enclosed, the way would be open to line the walkways with as many restaurants, bars and sock shops as are prepared to take up the franchise.

That is how Stanhope will recoup its money; and if the Channel Tunnel terminal is built at Waterloo Station, the potential market could be enormous. But the South Bank Board will benefit artistically, too: for instance, the vision of an electronic studio to rival IRCAM in Paris could be realized.

Meanwhile, an equally bold but entirely separate development is proposed just a few yards away, upstream of Hungerford Bridge. Indeed, the County Hall Development Group's plan to build a massive 3,400-seat theatre (it would be the biggest in Britain) on what is now the Jubilee Gardens car park — as part of its much larger bid to develop County Hall as a luxury hotel, flats and shopping complex — has received a somewhat frosty reception from the South Bank Board, perhaps because of the similarity and proximity of the two schemes.

The County Hall Development Group (CHDG) is a decidedly muscular consortium — London & Metropolitan, Touche Remnant, New England Properties, and Lazard Brothers are involved. But the impetus for the theatre comes from a company which has recently shot to extraordinary prominence in the cultural life of the capital: the Entertainment Corporation. If the theatre is built, the Entertainment Corporation will lease it and, it hopes, fill it.


The CHDG scheme: a theatre complex, landscaped gardens, and County Hall as a hotel and business centre

It is confident it can, not least because of its remarkable success this summer, when a parade of overseas dance companies drew vast crowds in London (even in rather obscure venues like the Business Design Centre in Islington).

The potential London audience for good foreign dance and opera companies is clearly enormous, if the right venue can be found. But for big ballet productions there is only one really suitable theatre — the Coliseum, and that is occupied by English National Opera for 11 months each year.

Even the stage of the Royal Opera House is too small; neither the Dominion nor the Lyceum (on the market earlier this year, and controversially snapped up by Brent Walker) is really suitable, while Drury Lane is usually tied up with long-running musicals.

Originally, the Entertainment Corporation, which once put the Bolshoi in a tent in Battersea Park, conceived the idea of building a purpose-built dance theatre — with enough dressing rooms for 350 performers — on that same Battersea site. It spent £300,000 on feasibility studies, only to have the idea swiftly dismissed by Wandsworth Council on "traffic" grounds.

So the Entertainment Corporation offered its theatre scheme to the County Hall consortium. A 200-seat studio theatre is now included in the plans, as is a big underground car park.

There is little doubt that the London Residuary Body, which took over many of the duties of the Greater London Council, wants the whole County Hall/Jubilee Gardens future resolved speedily — it is the hottest political potato in the whole GLC property portfolio which it was asked to dismantle.

However, one problem with the theatre could again be obtaining local authority approval (this time it is Lambeth which must give its consent). In the end the Environment Secretary could decide the whole issue.

One factor gives the Entertainment Corporation scheme considerable urgency. From 1992, theoretically in the middle of the three-year Royal Opera House redevelopment, the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet need another home.

A new 3,400-seat theatre could be ideal, and the Entertainment Corporation reckons that the prestige of having these companies in residence would do the image of its riverside theatre no harm at all. But the Royal Opera House management will need convincing that there will be a theatre ready and waiting in four years' time.

Elementary mistakes

THEATRE

The Secret of Sherlock Holmes
Wyndham's

Jeremy Paul's "original mystery" begins by offering a pleasing new slant on the Holmes-Watson partnership — showing the as yet unknown sleuth and the battle-scarred doctor as two lonely bachelors pooling their resources to take a lease on 221b Baker Street. They are very good for each other. Holmes curbs Watson's rash spending and improves his powers of observation; while Watson fills in some of Holmes's general knowledge gaps (total ignorance of politics and astronomy) and saves him from succumbing to his "black fits" and drug habit. Also he appoints himself as his friend's official biographer.

In the short time it takes for that last detail to emerge, Holmes has burst upon the criminal scene and solved a string of celebrated cases. We do not get to hear about them; nor are there any more in the offing. And you glumly realize that the nice bonus of added characterization is going to be the whole show. Its theme is Holmes's life between cases — going mad with mental inactivity, and leeching on to the long-suffering Watson with confessions of childhood miseries and compensation fantasies.

One of those, his alleged invention of a master adversary worthy of his genius, is the "secret" of the title: a fact I disclose without apology, as you cannot give away the plot of a plotless play. Its only actual events are Watson's marriage, and Holmes's return from the dead, claiming to have spent the three lost years seeking enlightenment in Tibet.

ZÖE DOMINIC

Partners against crime: Edward Hardwicke (left) and Jeremy Brett

Given Mr Paul's view of the relationship I suggest that the true explanation of Holmes's faked plunge down the Reichenbach Falls was jealous pique at Watson's unforgivable rupture of the Baker Street marriage to set up house with a woman.

Looking lonely on Patrick Garland's stage, despite the apparition of a stuffed Moriarty and the descent of an Alpine storm on the buttoned leather furniture, the partners are extremely well played. Jeremy Brett works from a centre of brooding melancholy, startlingly offset by cackles of Mephistophelian laughter and bursts of mischief: as he uses his arms, he reminds you simultaneously of the violin bow and the cocaine needle. Edward Hardwicke elevates Watson from docile stooge to combative equal and prize student sleuth.

They would be excellent value if they had a story to tell. Only a Sherlock insider like Mr Paul could have thought that the legendary pair were interesting enough without one. Give me the work of a rank outsider like Charles Marowitz, whose *Sherlock's Last Case* shows the long-suffering doctor taking a plain man's revenge on the patronizing genius.

Irving Wardle

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Flowing home

The Guildhall Library hopes to take delivery next week of the remarkable Rhinebeck Panorama of the Thames, nearly 150 years after it left these shores. It is on loan for the Barbican exhibition "Panoramania", opening on November 3. The nine foot long series of drawings, made in 1810 by unknown artists, were taken out of the country by the engraver Robert Havell when he emigrated to America. He died in 1878 and they disappeared, to surface a century later in a house at Rhinebeck on the Hudson River, lining a barrel containing ancient pistols..

- **Rising National Theatre actress Rebecca Pidgeon, who is to star in the company's production of David Mamet's *Speed-the-Plough*, which opens on the South Bank in January, must be thankful our stage stars are not under the box office pressure which prevails on Broadway. It opened on Broadway three months ago with Madonna in Rebecca's role, and despite indifferent reviews of the pop star's performance the show was grossing a staggering £240,000 a week. As soon as she left, box office takings plummeted to £60,000.**

Box office: Madonna and Mamet

Out of the nest

The eponymous Nest of Nightingales in the title of the Dulwich Picture Gallery's Gainsborough exhibition, which opened this week, were the beautiful and brilliant Linley sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, immortalized in one of Gainsborough's most inspired portraits. They were the daughters of the 18th-century composer Thomas Linley. Elizabeth scandalized Georgian society by eloping with R.B. Sheridan — Sir Brinsley Sheridan is a direct descendant. The Linley name was revived by another descendant, Lord Snowdon, who gave it to his son David in his viscountcy, and Snowdon opened the exhibition on Tuesday. Cabinet-maker Linley came, too. The gallery's education officer, Gillian Wolfe, has commissioned him to make an £8,000 cabinet for the Linley Gallery, based on the kind Gainsborough would have used to hold his pigments and brushes. "The trouble is," said Wolfe, "it's half finished to be ready for a banquet attended by our patron, the Duchess of York, at the end of November, and I haven't raised any the money to pay for it yet."

- **Margate is to challenge Belgium's monopoly on cartoon festivals. Knokke, a town on the Belgian coast, has been hosting international cartoon festivals since 1962, and the Cartoonists Club of Great Britain wants to fight back with its own event. In the meantime it has launched a cartoon competition that will culminate with a prize-giving at the Savoy in December. I hope it finds a funnier winning entry than this year's at Knokke. Top prize went to a Soviet sketch of two Russians, sitting in a void, whispering the word *glasnost* to each other.**

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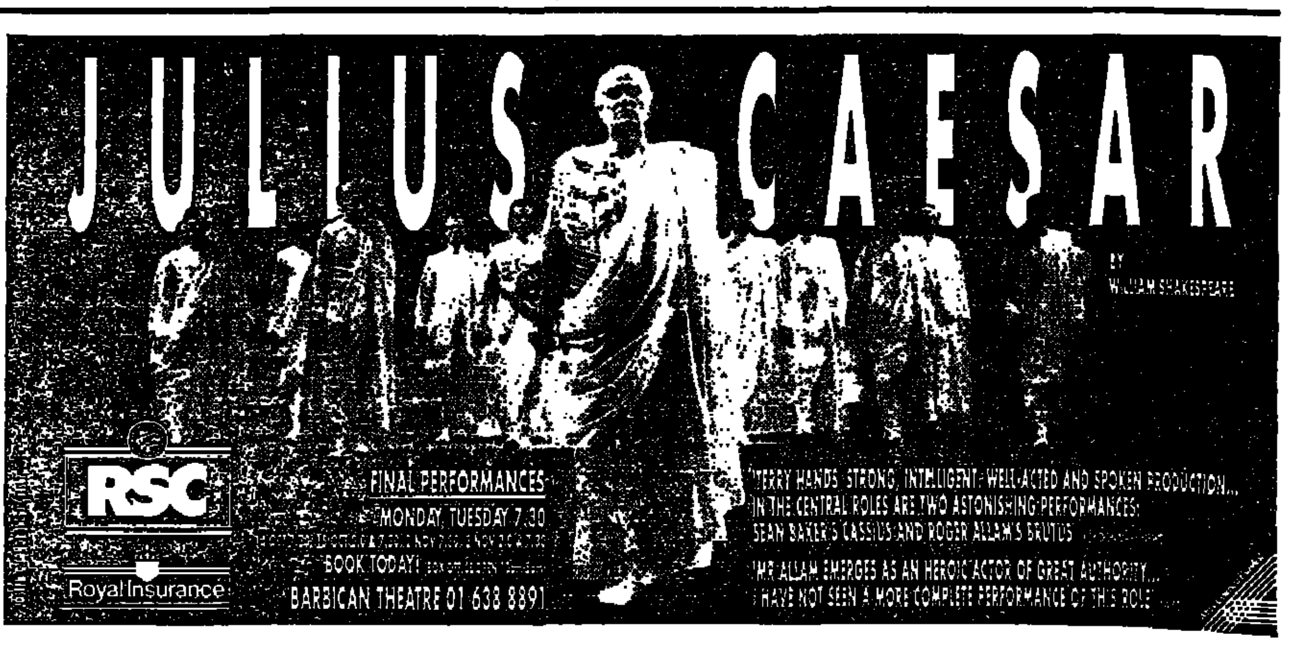

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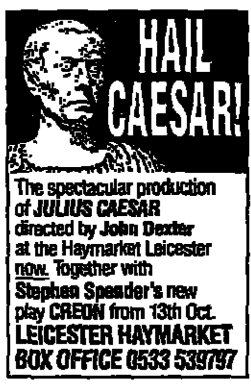
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Songs for the lost souls of the night

ROCK

Tom Waits Big Time (Island ITW4)
Randy Newman Land of Dreams (Warner Bros WX212)
Big Country Peace in our Time (Mercury MERH 130)
Level 42 Staring at the Sun (Polydor POLH 50)
Talk Talk Spirit of Eden (Parlophone PCSD 105)

The surreal images and wry observations which typify Tom Waits's recent material have fresh life breathed into them on **Big Time**, an artful live album which is also the soundtrack to an eponymous movie, premiered at the Edinburgh Film Festival last month.

Like a latter day Pied Piper of Hamelin, Waits exerts a perennial fascination. As he sings in his impossibly guttural, deadbeat voice, a host of odd characters from the downside of the American dream are conjured to life, shuffling and jigging along in his wake. Here come the drunks and the bums, the lost souls of the night and the cracked fundamentalist preacher of "Down in the Hole" who declaims reassuringly that "Jesus is always going for the big picture, but he's always there to help us out of the little *jams too*".

Apart from a new studio track, the achingly melancholic "Falling Down", and a masterly version of "Strange Weather" (written for Marianne Faithful), the performances are of songs culled from his last three albums — *Swordfishtrombone, Rain Dogs* and *Franks Wild Years*. Waits is not afraid to let his arrangements breathe, and the vibrant renditions of "16 Shells", "Big Black Mariah", "Telephone Call from Istanbul" and "Gun St Girl" sound at once grippingly urgent and perilously loose.

With his junkyard-equipped psycho-blues band in tow, Waits has been mining this seam for as long as most people care to remember, and if by now it all sounds a touch familiar he retains a remarkable talent for extracting romantic narrative from the harsh realities of life on the margins.

In contrast, the characters which people Randy Newman's songs are drawn from somewhere much nearer to the mainstream of American society. **Land of Dreams** acquaints us with the thoughts and philosophies of a redneck, self-made man in "Roll with the Punches", an acquisitive, upwardly-mobile rap star in the *waspish hip-hop pastiche* "Masterman & Baby J", and a died-in-the-wool patriot in "Follow the Flag". Unusually too, a large chunk of the album is autobiographical, recalling his days as a child growing up in New Orleans ("Dixie Flyer", "New Orleans").

Despite accumulating a tremendous fund of critical acclaim, Newman has so far avoided popular detection in Britain, apart from a blip registered around the time of his big American hit, the irritating and misunderstood satire "Short People".

One reason may be that for all the eloquence of his observational style, his singing has a wet, adenoidal quality that can grate on the nerves, particularly on songs like "Falling in Love", where he sounds *like* an anaemic Huey Lewis, or the twee "Something Special".

He is at his best when he allows some of the idiosyncracies of his lyrical style to spill over into his music, notably on the song "Four Eyes" — *a vivid description of the* childish horrors of his first day at school — which is lent an engrossing, nightmarish quality by a string section.

Big Country has long had the firepower to tackle American MTV rock head on, but has in the past resisted the temptation to go the whole hog, one assumes on grounds of taste. However, with **Peace in our Time** the band has finally slipped the leash, hiring the producer Peter Wolf (of Heart and Starship fame) and leading off *with a single*, "*King of Emotion*", that is an undisguised heavy rock anthem in the classic power chord and cowbell vein.

Nor has Big Country evaded the primary law of rock band dynamics which states that sooner or later groups with two lead guitarists will start to sound like Wishbone Ash, and "Thousand Yard Stare" is built round an uncomfortably familiar, twiddly, dual guitar part. "From Here to Eternity" features the guitars-as-bagpipes routine, and the lyrics *throughout are suffused by the* usual touches of well-meaning, cod-Celtic mysticism.

It is an album which plainly reveals the group in its true colours while offering nothing beyond the statements of its last three releases.

Level 42's revamped line-up sees the brothers Phil and Boon Gould replaced by the drummer Gary Husband (formerly with Allan Holdsworth) and the guitarist Alan Murphy (formerly with Go West). If anything, on **Staring** *at the* **Sun**, *these personnel* changes have beefed up the group's distinctive sound, most notably on the romping single "Heaven in my Hands".

But while Level 42 tends to shine out among the dross of *Top of the Pops, listening to* a whole album of its brilliantly-performed blend of commercial pop-funk is a bit like eating a surfeit of Milky Bars. There is a cloying cumulative effect to numbers like "Two Hearts Collide", a routine love song with an unusually pretty chorus, or "Over There", with its slap-happy bass line and obvious lyric about a soldier of fortune who discovers that "the glory of battle is the myth".

Talk Talk, the group which has maintained its near-invisible profile despite flirting with the lower reaches of the charts since 1982, returns to the fray with **Spirit of Eden**.

It is an engrossing, modern "head" album, the kind of recording that Pink Floyd never became quite heavy enough to make, and features a varied cast of dozens including jazz alumni such as Danny Thompson (bass) and Henry Lowther (trumpet) together with Nigel Kennedy (violin) and the choir of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The six tracks are strung together in a way which suggests a "concept" may be involved, although the pretentious and mostly inaudible lyrics make it hard to judge whether this is the case.

It begins with the tense, minimalist quiet of "The Rainbow", which is shattered by harsh gusts of bluesy sound from Mark Feltham's over-driven harmonica. Peaks of crystalline noise and troughs of near-silence ensue as the group deploys the many instruments, though principally guitar and drums, with meticulous control and patience, gradually chiselling out a grand musical sculpture from the cold granite rockface.

David Sinclair

SUZANNE TENNER

Pied piper of the junkyard: Tom Waits, singing in his inimitable, gruff style on *Big Time*

Vivid vocal portraits

RECITALS

Schubert: Lieder
Baker/Johnson (Hyperion CD J33001)

With a generous and revelatory recital of Schubert's Goethe and Schiller settings, Janet Baker breaks the champagne bottle over one of the most important recording projects of the half-century.

Graham Johnson has devised for Hyperion a long-term series which, by the time Schubert's bicentenary is upon us in 1997, will have documented every one of the composer's 600 songs. It has never been done before. Fischer-Dieskau came pretty near it, but omitted those songs suitable for female voice alone. By a nice twist of irony, it was Baker who should have filled the gaps if only EMI had seen fit to release her from her then exclusive contract: now history's imbalance is being redressed.

Documentation is hardly the word: Johnson's schema is neither musicological nor chronological. As a re-creator *par excellence*, his way is to build the archives with vocal portraits of a wide range of singers. It is a entirely Schubertian approach, no less true to the creative methods of the composer than that "interplay of great and small, light and shade, major and minor" which Johnson promises will inspire his long-term programming, and which, indeed, enlivens this first volume.

Rarities, previously shunned earlier or later versions of classics, and the more familiar songs interfertilize each other in a recital as enriching to listen to as it must have been to plan. Thirteen-minute epics like Schiller's "Die Erwartung", tougher challenges like the unwieldy "Der Flüchtling" and "Der Alpenjäger" take their turn with the later, more complex "An den Mond" and the earlier, simpler tiptoeing settings of "Das Geheimnis".

Baker's insight and ardour in "Der Alpenjäger" (a song which the anti-bloodsports brigade should take as their anthem) makes it seem incredible that the song should ever have been dismissed out of hand. At times, she is a little austere in her approach: "Amalia", Schiller's counterpart to Gretchen, is more restrained than the music suggests. And, although she captures exactly the smiling strength of "Der Fischer", the voice is more instinctively at ease in the *sombre songs* of yearning ("Erster Verlust") or determination ("Der Pilgrim").

Johnson is a characteristically astute accompanist, and also provides searching essays and notes which far surpass the normal *sketchy compact disc enclosures*, and offer worthy support to what will doubtless become an invaluable archive.

Hilary Finch

Cabaret Classics
Gomez/Constable. Unicorn-Kanchana DKP(CD) 9055

Britten: Paul Bunyan Plymouth Music Series/Brunelle. Virgin VCD 7 90710-2 (two CDs)

One could easily lose sight of Jill Gomez's record as yet another instance of the gentrification of cabaret, but that would be a great pity, since this is a beautifully sung recital of music both appealing and curious. Only seven of the 17 numbers, those by Schoenberg and Satie, were in fact written for ladies in top hats in smoky cellars, but though the Schoenberg songs are no more than naughty ephemera, one might well wonder after this performance if Satie ever wrote anything better than his waltz-song "Je te veux".

Jill Gomez: appealing and curious

Of the other two composers, Zemlinsky is represented by three songs (from his Op 27) that take just a flavour of cabaret into the drawing room, and Weill is for once de-Brechted with a selection of songs from the 1934 Paris show *Marie Galante* and from three of the Broadway musicals. Gomez's performances are all the better for her refusal to pretend she is anything but a "classical" singer in full, rapturous voice, and John Constable's deft, straight-laced accompaniments have their own *charm in this* repertory.

Weill on Broadway is not so far from Britten nearby at the same time, as the first recording of *Paul Bunyan* reminds us. As I mentioned when this cast performed the piece recently at Aldeburgh, it *is a great advantage to have* American voices in such an oddly American work, and the recording can be recommended to those keen to ponder what Britten might have become as a New Yorker.

Paul Griffiths

Auspicious if not brilliant

CLASSICAL

Brahms: Symphony No 1; Academic Festival Overture Concertgebouw/Chailly. Decca 421 295-2 (one CD)
Tchaikovsky: Manfred Symphony Concertgebouw/Chailly. Decca 421 441-2 (one CD)
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Sibelius: Symphonies 3, 5 Helsinki PO/Berglund. EMI CDC7 49175 2 (one CD)
Dvorák: Symphony No 4; Ten Biblical Songs Rayner Cook, SNO/Järvi. Chandos CHAN 8608 (one CD)

It is understandable for an orchestra with a new principal conductor to want to celebrate a new era by rushing out a few recordings. But I wonder whether Riccardo Chailly and the Concertgebouw Orchestra will, a few years hence, look back on these recordings of Tchaikovsky's **Manfred Symphony** and Brahms's **First Symphony** with slight regret.

There is much that is potent: the new Italianate punchiness, for instance, which invests the fugal passages and shock chords of the *Manfred* finale with a whipcrack impact one would not normally associate with the aristocratic Amsterdam sound; the plump arching of dynamics which Chailly encourages, and the contrasting touches of delicate sweetness which lighten the Brahms's Andante and the *Manfred* Scherzo; the stylish execution of notorious conducting tests like the accelerating *pizzicato* build-up to the Brahms's finale. And in both discs, too, there is an evident eagerness in the playing.

But this orchestra's "sound" is a precious heritage which should be guarded jealously. In *Manfred*, particularly, there is an oddly unfocused quality to the recording, which perhaps indicates that the Decca engineers have not come to terms with the Concertgebouw acoustics.

Chailly clearly favours a snarling, hard brass sound — but in places like the storming apotheosis of the *Manfred* first movement, *the overall texture rather* splinters under the pressure of too-prominent brass.

Again, at the announcement of the Brahms finale's great theme, the amount of prominence alloted to incidental woodwind detail seems unrealistic. Then there is the irritating wrong note in the first brass chorale of the same movement — a tiny blip, but it should have been picked up — and some slightly sloppy ensemble on the big tutti chords in *Manfred*'s introduction.

So the discs must be rated as an auspicious, but not quite brilliant, start to the partnership.

Frank Peter Zimmermann is the latest bright young violinist to hit the international scene. A German in his early twenties, he is not unlike his compatriot Anne Sophie Mutter in his silky, generally light tone, though not yet in that lady's league when it comes to subtle variation of timbre or interpretative imagination.

When the opening movement of the Tchaikovsky concerto breaks free of a rather odd rubato habit (a tendency to pull up runs sharply on the penultimate note) it takes flight with impressive fluency and lyrical grace, though there are moments when the intonation is questionable.

The slow movement, too, has some delightful phrasing ideas. But the finale suffers from a lack of bristle in the fast passagework, and the second subject lacks the necessary stamping vigour.

Prokofiev's **Concerto No 1** is altogether more convincing; Zimmermann revels in the high, ethereal rhapsodic writing of the outer movements (where Maazel's alert handling of the Berlin Philharmonic adds to the beauty); and the *Vivacissimo* scherzo, though devoid of any sardonic bite, is mercurially done.

The Helsinki Philharmonic *should* play Sibelius well, but their accounts of the **Third and Fifth Symphonies** under Paavo Berglund are surprising as well as good: the Finnish spirit, so often portrayed (by Sibelius, anyway) as stoic, brooding or battling for survival, emerges here with almost a jolly face.

Of course, the Third Symphony is probably Sibelius's most *Angst*-free: a rustic idyll shot through with Sibelius's brand of quirky modalism (to say nothing of what the sleeve-note intriguingly describes as "Finno-Ugric shamanist drum-beating").

The Helsinki PO's generally light-footed performance — enhanced by a slightly misty recording quality — emphasizes this optimistic side. There is plenty of discipline in the way the strings knuckle down to the quintessential Sibelian *moto perpetuo* passages, but also some particularly characterful woodwind solo work in the delightful middle movement.

Some may feel Berglund's interpretation of the Fifth to be *too* jolly: the work was, after all, forged during the First World War, yet here there is a crucial lack of intensity, particularly in the gathering certainty of the finale.

The first movement is far more satisfactorily built up, but the glory of this performance is really the magical gentleness of the flute duets, horn chords and pizzicato string passages in the slow movement. Not, then, a performance for those who want epic beef in Sibelius; for that, turn to Karajan.

Meanwhile we will turn to Neeme Järvi, whose sudden evacuation from the principal conductorship of the Scottish National Orchestra appears not seriously to have dented his evident aspiration to record every symphony written in Eastern Europe during the last 150 years.

Although the SNO violins have certain moments of crisis in the stratosphere, his new recording of **Dvorák's Fourth Symphony** is welcome: straightforward in interpretation though by no means bereft of character, it reminds us how many lyrical jewels are hidden in Dvorák pieces that, inexplicably, almost never reach the concert hall.

This is the symphony that was written under the spell of Wagner, though — not unexpectedly — it is weakest where it is trying to rewrite the Pilgrims' Chorus, and strongest where Dvorák produces a tune of such seemingly artless beauty that it could come from no other pen.

The second subjects of both outer movements qualify in this category. The filler is that earnest collection, the Ten Biblical Songs; Brian Rayner Cook gives a typically whole-hearted and strongly enunciated performance.

Richard Morrison

Defining new boundaries

INTERNATIONAL

Vanessa Paradis M&J (Polydor POLD 5232)
Astor Piazzolla Tango: Zero Hour (Pangaea/CBS 461156)
Yomo Toro Funky Jibaro (Antilles AN 8723)
Penguin Café Orchestra When in Rome (Editions EG EGED 56)
Harold Budd The White Arcades (Land 03)
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Street noises; tyres squeal: a car door opens and slams shut.

"Barbès?"

"Bienvenue . . . c'est Joe."

And so began my favourite world music record of the year.

World music? Isn't that something you find in *Arena* documentaries? Something to do with Africa? Well, if white men can sing the blues, I see no reason why a 16-year-old French girl delivering a lyric *abut a taxi driver* who listens to Xavier Cugat and Yma Sumac shouldn't qualify as world music.

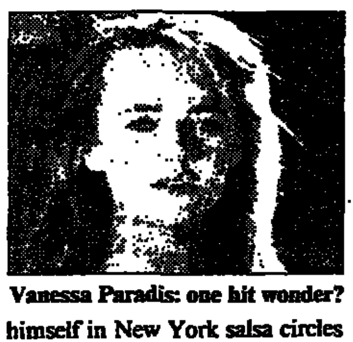
Apart from that, in an ultra-critical world, "Joe le Taxi" must be the least disliked single of the year. Everyone loves its cha-cha rhythm and la-la vocal, from jazz snobs to those whose last purchase of French pop music involved either Françoise Hardy's "Tous les Garcons et les Filles" or Jane Birkin and Serge Trousers's "Je T'Aime, Moi Non Plus".

Vanessa Paradis, being still at school and, so far as *one* knows, having yet to appear in a Roman Polanski film, is more ingénue Francoise than louche Jane: but her follow-up single makes it plain that "Joe le Taxi" was no fluke. In its French version, "Marilyn et John" unfurls its *charming*, artfully modulated melody with an air of cool mystery. If you ask me, it's all about Monroe and JFK: "Marilyn peint sa bouche . . . elle pense à John . . . rien qu'à John", she sings. Unfortunately there is also an English version, with a clumsy lyric ("Marilyn peint sa bouche" mysteriously becomes "Marilyn was a Russian") and a gawky vocal which simply proves that, by and large, people sound better in their first language.

Sadly, too, the rest of M&J, her debut album, fails to live up to the promise of the two singles. "Chat Ananana" — a phonetic pun on the early-Seventies rock-revival *group* Sha Na Na, perhaps? — proves that a song about one's pineapple cat can plausibly be set to an arrangement resembling a laundered and starched version of the Brotherhood of Breath's Soweto jive, but *Franck Langolff* (music) and Etienne Roda-Gil (words) really owe it to themselves and Mlle Paradis to try harder. Otherwise, I fear that "Joe le Taxi" will go down in pop history as one of the nicest of all one-hit wonders — — alongside, say, Norma Tanega's "Walking My Cat Named Dog".

Elsewhere in world music, Sting's new label makes its debut with a batch of releases including Astor Piazzolla's **Tango: Zero Hour**. Recordings of the brilliant Argentinian button-accordionist and composer have hitherto been elusive; this one, featuring the *superlative quintet* which Piazzolla brought to the Almeida Festival three or four years ago, is fully representative of his technically astounding, emotionally devastating "new tango" music.

Not a world away from Piazzolla comes Yomo Toro, a Puerto Rican player of the guitar-like cuatro, who made a name for



Vanessa Paradis: one hit wonder?

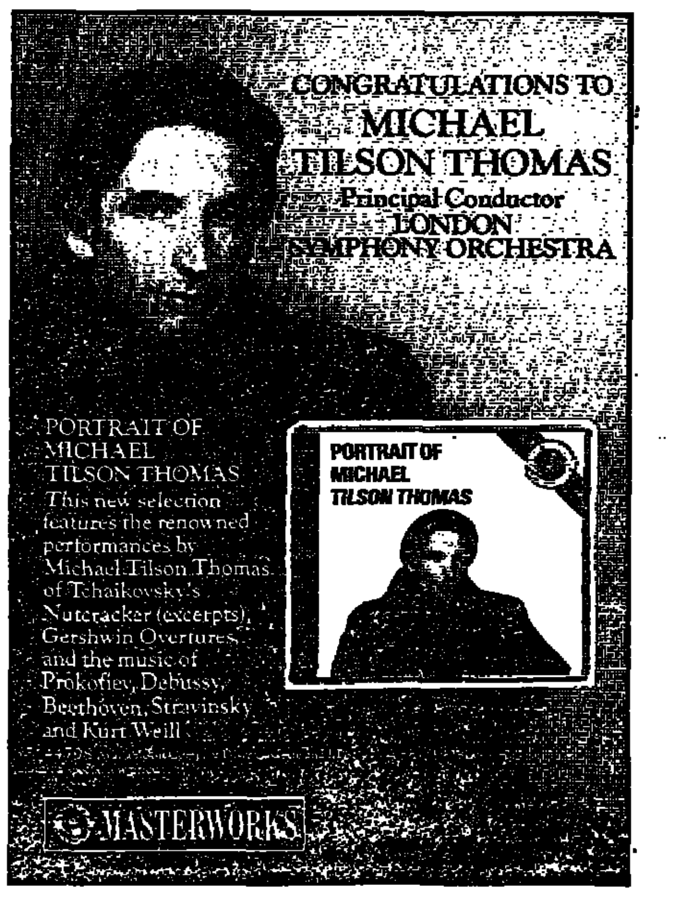
himself in New York salsa circles in the Seventies. **Funky Jibaro** delves back before salsa, to the vivacious but gentler Afro-Cuban style known as charanga, with an ensemble featuring violin, bass, percussion and a subtle synthesizer backing Toro's deft solos.

For a bunch of middle-class English kids, the Penguin Café Orchestra succeed amazingly well in capturing the vibrant essence of South American music. Recent converts will find in **When In Rome**, recorded at the Festival Hall last year, the chance to encounter their version of "Giles Farnaby's Dream", recast in the style of Los Paraguayos — an arrangement which, when originally released in 1976, convinced me that here was an ensemble worth keeping an eye on.

Once a stablemate of the Penguins on Brian Eno's Obscure Records, the American composer Harold Budd qualifies as a "world musician" only by virtue of being otherwise unclassifiable. The **White Arcades**, released on Eno's latest label, features the now familiar sound of Budd's echo-laden piano drifting in elegant introspection against shimmering synthesizer washes, like Keith Jarrett lost in deep space.

His pioneering soundtrack work on Sergio Leone's spaghetti westerns made Ennio Morricone the spiritual father of the world music movement, able to call on a *repertoire of musical* gesture ranging from the rain forests to the Renaissance, from Stravinsky to the Shadows. **Chamber Music**, though, is something else: a collection of slightly self-conscious compositions for various instrumentations, including an ensemble of *11* violins. *But* Morricone's particular gift is for we might call applied music, which is why the swooning orchestral melodies and funky bass-guitar of his latest soundtrack, to Polanski's **Frantic**, are both more satisfying and, *ultimately, more significant.*

Richard Williams



THE WEEK AHEAD

Jumping into the Ring

MARK PEPPER

Fired with enthusiasm: Yuri Lyubimov (centre) rehearsing this week

Since the Royal Opera's first Bayreuth-derived production of *Der Ring des Nibelungen* was conducted by Gustav Mahler in 1892, Covent Garden has seen 11 different productions of Wagner's great cycle. *Das Rheingold* (opening next Thursday at 8pm) launches a new *Ring*, which will be staged as a complete cycle for the first time in 1991. It coincides, of course, with the Royal Opera's new directorial regime: it will be conducted by Bernard Haitink and directed by Yuri Lyubimov, who gave the company such a compelling *Jenufa* last season. For both men, this will be their first *Ring*, as it is for Paul Hernon who provides innovative set and costume designs. The casting displays a promising foretaste of things to come in its combination of major international Wagner singers and young British artists. James Morris makes a long-awaited house debut as Wotan; East German baritone Ekkehard Wlaschiha is the Alberich; and American soprano Nancy Gustafson (outstanding this year as Glyndebourne's Katya Kabanova and, later, Alice Ford in *Falstaff*) takes the role of Freia. Judith Howard and Anne Mason are the Woglinde and Wellgunde, with Roderick Kennedy as Fasolt and Willard White as Fafner. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 8-10.30pm, £2.50-£64.

Hilary Finch

THEATRE

LONDON

BADLANDS: Double bill of thrillers by Dave Draper, presented by Metro Theatre Company.
Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11 (01-223 2223). Opens Thurs.

BOB'S DYLAN: Edinburgh Fringe First award-winner: Bob Kingdom as poet Dylan Thomas.
Etcetera Theatre, Oxford Arms, 265 Camden High Street, NW1 (01-482 4857). Opens Tues.

DRY ROT: Brian Rix, Derek Griffiths, Elspet Gray, Richard Vernon, Nick Wilton, Derek Wilton, in John Chapman farce which was first a hit in 1954.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Previews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed.

THE PUBLIC: Postponed from last week; Gerard Murphy leads the company directed by Ultz in Federico Garcia Lorca's most notorious play, overtly homosexual in theme.
Theatre Royal, Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (01-534 0310). Previews from Mon. Opens Oct 3.

THE RELAPSE: British Actors' Theatre: Kate O'Mara, Roy Marsden, Richard Heffer, Peter Adamson, Sabina Franklyn and John Challis, directed by Peter Woodward, in the Vanbrugh comedy. Touring nationally from here.
Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond (01-940 0088). Opens Mon.

OUT OF TOWN

BASINGSTOKE: Noises Off: Season opens with Michael Frayn farce.
Haymarket (0256 465566). Opens Thurs.

NOTTINGHAM: Plaza Suite: Janet Brown and Kenneth Alan Taylor in Neil Simon's hotel-set comedy.
Playhouse (0602 419419). Preview Wed. Opens Thurs.

PLYMOUTH: Macbeth: Orchard Theatre's production will tour the South West.
Drum, Theatre Royal (0752 669595). Opens Mon.

TAUNTON: The Tempest/ Philoctetes: Cheek by Jowl begin a national tour of a Shakespeare and Sophocles double bill, *The Tempest* approximately two hours, 40 minutes, *Philoctetes* one hour 15 minutes.
Brewhouse (0823 283244). Opens Tues.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

BLECH
(b) Or Blekh, an American expression or ejaculation of disgust, revulsion, etc: "The House Democratic Caucus launched its response to Reaganomics: BLECH."

GOONT
(b) A kind of pony of the North Himalayas, strong but clumsy, from its Hindi name *gunth*: "Heere is a great breed of a small kind of Horse, called Goonts, a true travelling scale-cliffe beast."

QUIDNUNC
(a) A person overly occupied with trivial curiosity and prurient gossip, the Latin for "what now?": "Anti-intellectual rest homes which taught overadvantaged quidnuncs how to wear rep ties and smile."

REMANET
(c) The postponement of a case in English Law; a UK parliamentary Bill carried over to another session; from the Latin for "it remains."

CONCERTS

PLUS BEETHOVEN: In the "Beethoven Plus" series the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields is heard in Schenk's *Der Dorfbarbier* Overture, Spohr's *Symphony No 5* and Murray Perahia solos in Ludwig's *Piano Concerto No 5, "Emperor"*. Sir Neville Marriner conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Today, 7.30pm.

ABBEY SIMON: A pianist who appears here all too rarely, Abbey Simon plays Chopin's Sonata Op 35, Rachmaninov's Corelli Variation, Beethoven's Sonata Op 27 No 2 "Moonlight", Ravel and Mendelssohn.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 3pm.

BRITISH FRAGRANCE: Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos conducts the LSO in Vaughan Williams's *Tallis Fantasia*, Elgar's Cello Concerto (Felix Schmidt, soloist), and the London Symphony Chorus joins in for *Belshazzar's Feast* by Walton. All this is supported by the British Fragrance Association.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891) Tues, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight, Mon and Wed 7.30pm, revival of *Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail* conducted by Jane Glover; and on Tues and Fri at 7.30pm, Dame Gwyneth Jones resplendent as *Turandot* in a revival of Andrei Serban's spectacular production.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: David Pountney's thoughtful new production of *La Traviata* continues, with Helen Field and Arthur Davies, on Thurs at 7.30pm; tonight and Tues at 7pm, *Carmen*, with Jean Rigby; and on Wed and Fri at 8pm *Tosca*, with Janice Cairns.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

KENT OPERA: Starts its new touring season on Fri at 7.30pm with a re-working of Adrian Noble's 1983 production of *Don Giovanni* with Peter Knapp in the title role. On Sat Oct 1, also at 7.30pm, *Fidelio*, based on Jonathan Miller's 1982 production, with Claire Primrose and David Johnston.
Orchard Theatre, Dartford, Kent (0322-343333).

ENGLISH BACH FESTIVAL: Brings its 1689 chamber version of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* back to St John's for just two performances, tonight and tomorrow at 7.30pm, with Della Jones as Dido and the English Bach Festival Baroque Ensemble conducted by David Roblou.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 2168).

DANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY: Works by four choreographers from founder Robert Cohan to newcomer Aletta Collins.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton, (0703-229771), today and Bristol Hippodrome (0272-299444), Wed to October 1.

INDIAN SUMMER: Season of Indian dance ends with three different programmes today, Sun and Mon.
The Place (01-387 0031).

TELEVISION

NIXON IN CHINA: The Houston Grand Opera production of John Adams's opera based on the historic visit of President Nixon to Peking in 1972.
Channel 4, Wed, 8.30-11.35pm.

THE ZIRCON AFFAIR: Ludovic Kennedy introduces a belated showing of Duncan Campbell's infamous film about the Zircon spy satellite.
BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.45pm.

JAZZ

BETTY CARTER: The singer's recent trios have drawn on the finest New York talent.
Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747), Mon to Sat.

OLIVER JONES: A sparkling pianist in the tradition of Art Tatum and Oscar Peterson.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (01-928 3191), tonight.

SOHO JAZZ FESTIVAL: Covering more than 40 venues, this week's major attractions include Courtney Pine (Astoria Theatre, Fri).
Various venues, London (info 01-734 3972) Thurs to Oct 9.

FILMS

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams as a livewire airman in 1965, who shakes up Saigon with his DJ patter over the American Armed Forces Radio. Directed by Barry Levinson.
Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Fri.

FAMILY VIEWING (18): Provocative Canadian comedy, much praised at film festivals, taking a dark look at family relationships in the video era. Written and directed by Atom Egoyan.
Metro (01-437 0757), Camden Plaza (01-485 2443), from Fri.

MASQUERADE (18): Meg Tilly as an innocent New England heiress who falls for a handsome schemer (Rob Lowe). Prettily mounted but unsuspenseful thriller. Directed by Bob Swaim.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Fri.

BACKLASH: Two young cops and an Aboriginal prisoner are stranded in the Australian Outback. Forceful low-budget drama from writer-director Bill Bennett, with improvised dialogue.
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647), from Fri.

FILMS ON TV

ROBIN HOOD (1922): Douglas Fairbanks in prime swashbuckling form, helped by some of the most lavish sets ever constructed in the cinema.
Channel 4, Tues, 2-4.15pm.

THE SOUTHERNER (1945): Jean Renoir's poetic and moving study of the poor farmers of the American South; with Zachary Scott and Betty Field.
BBC2, Fri, 4-5.30pm.

GALLERIES

HENRI MATISSE (1869-1954): Graphic works and illustrated books.
Waddington Galleries, London W1 (01-439 1866). From Wed.

PETER HOWSON: Recent paintings of Glaswegian low-life scenes and characters.
Cleveland Gallery, Middlesbrough, (0642 248155). From today.

WILLIAM SCOTT: A retrospective mainly featuring previously unexhibited paintings by a highly original semi-abstract artist.
Berkeley Square Gallery, London W1 (01-493 7939). From Mon.

INTRODUCING WITH PLEASURE: Paintings and sculptures selected from the Arts Council collection by 12 celebrities including journalist Kate Adie and actress Greta Scacchi.
Victoria Art Gallery, Bath (0225 461111). From today.

HOUSEWORKS: Fifteen artists, including painter Paul Gough and sculptor Carl Plackman, have made works specifically for a four-storey townhouse.
13 Canynge Road, Clifton, Bristol (0272 46174). From Mon.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS: A between-shows show drawn from the Victoria & Albert Museum, tracing the development of women photographers from the Victorian Lady Howarden to today's Cindy Sherman. American work strongly represented.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Henry Cole Wing, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-938 8500).

LIGHT OF TOUCH: Conceptual show by women photographers, examining and questioning the role of women in a "patriarchal culture".
Impression Gallery, 17 Colliergate, York (0904 654742).

RADIO

T.S. ELIOT CENTENARY: The celebration continues with *Murder in the Cathedral*, starring Peter Barkworth as Becket (Radio 4, Mon, 7.45-9.45pm); *The Cocktail Party*, with Sylvia Syms (Radio 3, Tues, 7.30-9.40pm); and *The Family Reunion*, with Simon Cadell and Anna Massey (Radio 3, Fri, 9.25-11.35pm).

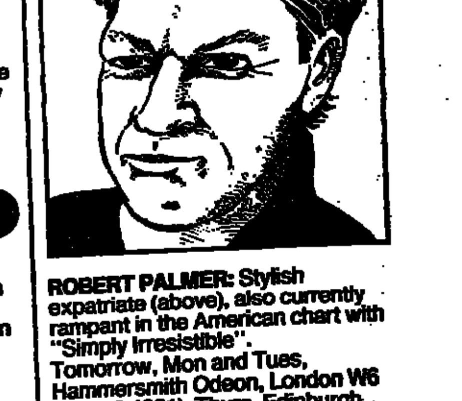
FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: Sally Hardcastle talks to Americans about how their country has changed in the 25 years since the assassination of President Kennedy.
Radio 4, Wed, 9.15-9.45pm.

THE STYLOGRAPHERS: Nigel Fountain leafs through the style magazines of the 1980s and talks to Nick Logan (founder-editor of *Smash Hits*, *The Face* and *Arena*) and the designer Neville Brody.
Radio 4, Thurs, 7.30-8.15pm.

ROCK

KISS: "Crazy Nights", crazy guys. Tonight and tomorrow, Wembley Arena, (01-902 1234); Mon & Tues, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Wed, St George's Hall, Bradford (0274 752000); Thurs, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606).

STEVE WINWOOD: His *Roll With It* album and single both went to No 1 in the American charts.
Tomorrow, NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133); Tues for eight nights (discontinuous), Royal Albert Hall, London SW7 (01-589 8212).



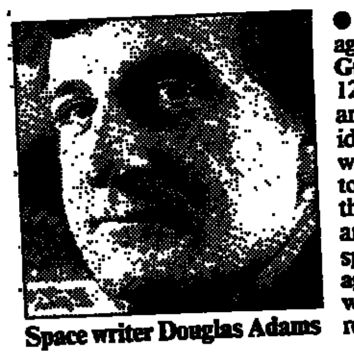
ROBERT PALMER: Stylish expatriate (above), also currently rampant in the American chart with "Simply Irresistible".
Tomorrow, Mon and Tues, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081); Thurs, Edinburgh Playhouse (031-557 2590); Fri, Manchester Apollo (061-273 3775).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark.

SATURDAY RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Jane Rackham

SATURDAY


Space writer Douglas Adams

CHOICE

● I have been listening yet again to **The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy** (Radio 4, 12.25pm) hoping that, once and for all, I will be able to identify the precise quality which makes it unique. It is too simplistic to say that it is the writing (by Douglas Adams) that makes it the only space comedy to appeal to all ages and heights of brow. It would be grossly unfair to the rest of the cast to say that it is only Peter Jones's level-headed narration in the face of mind-blowing happenings that keeps the stories' feet on the ground while everything else about them is tumbling about in space. Could it be Paddy Kingsland's music and radiophonic sound that sends the series rocketing out of the rut of convention? Or is it the conductor's skill of producer Geoffrey Perkins that finally does the trick, fusing the elements into a fantastic whole? To help me (and you) decide the issue, BBC Enterprises have put the whole of *The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series on cassette and into the shops in a terrestrially-designed presentation box.

Peter Davalle

Radio 1

VHF Stereo & **MW** (medium wave) News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00 Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence: Roger Scott including **2.00-3.00** 21 Years of Radio 1 **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Tanita Tikaram, Brendan Croker and the 5 O'Clock Shadows, with Billy Bragg and Andy Kershaw) **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo (except **1.00pm-7.30**) & **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**.
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.05** Graham Knight including **7.45** Down to Earth with Alan Titchmarsh **8.10** David Jacobs **9.05** Sounds of the 60s with Simon Dee **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** The News Huddlines (new series) **1.30** Sport on 2 with Mike Ingham, featuring Olympics, Football, Rugby Union and Racing from Ascot **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** Cinema 2 with Charles Nove **6.30** Jukebox Saturday Night with Dave Dee **7.00** The Press Gang **7.30** Strauss's Day at the Seaside with the BBC Concert Orchestra **9.30** String Sound with the BBC Radio Orchestra under David Snell **10.15** Martin Kelner **12.05-4.00am** Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride.

WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather; followed by news headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture to The Fair Melusine: London Symphony Orchestra under Claudio Abbado); Rossini (Quartet No 4 in B flat: Kalafusz Trio with Aurèle Nicolet)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Reicha (Scene: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under David Zinman with Heinz Holliger); Glazunov (Chant du ménestrel: Boston Symphony Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa with Mstislav Rostropovich); Haydn (Organ Concerto in F: Divertimento Salzburg with Martin Haselbock); Vaclav Vackar (March: Wechruf, Waltz, Abend am Meer, March: Der Freier: Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Vaclac Neumann)
8.15 The Week on 3: with Simon Milner
8.30 News
8.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Led by Tessa Khambatta. John Poole conducts Elgar's Suite: The Spanish Lady; Holst (Six Choruses for male voice choir and strings); Vaughan Williams (Concerto Grosso for string orchestra);
9.30 Saturday Review: Including Trevor Pinnock talking about his recording of Handel's Messiah
1.00 News
1.05 Taking Issue: Presented by Robert Hewison (r)
1.30 Liszt and the Piano: Fifth programme in the series, with Hamish Milne performing works by Beethoven, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Liszt's Der du von dem Himmel bist (r)
2.20 Philharmonia Chorus: Samples of the music sung by the chorus since its début in 1957 under Otto Klemperer. Works by Verdi, Walton and Johann Strauss (son)
4.30 Debut: Jacqueline Fugelle (soprano) sings Schubert's Die Rose, Der blinde Knabe, Nacht und Träume and Dvorak's Gypsy Songs Op 55, with Roger Vignoles (piano)
5.00 Jazz Records Requests: Introduced by Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Michael Coveney talks to Richard Cork, Sheridan Morley and Hilary Spurling about the new musical *Sugar Babies*, at the Savoy Theatre, the Museum of Moving Image at the South Bank Centre and Polanski's new film *Frantic* now in the West End
6.35 Magic America: The Lontano Ensemble under Odaline de la Martinez perform works by Villa-Lobos, Henry Cowell and George Newson's BBC commissioned work, O My America with Neil Jenkins (tenor), Neil Cunningham (narrator)
7.30 Die Zauberflöte: The Chorus and Orchestra of the Vienna State Opera under Nicholas Harnoncourt with their new production of Mozart's Singspiel with Jerry Hadley as Tamino and Mikael Melbye as Papageno. Between each act Nicholas Kenyon talks to the conductor about his approach to the performance of Mozart
10.15 The Four Quartets: The Village of the Heart: Third in a series of five programmes about T.S. Eliot's enterprise as a poet. Including the complete readings of *East Coker* by Alec Guinness and John Franklyn-Robbins. Barbara Everett, Somerville College Oxford, discusses Eliot's love of home
11.05 Pierre Amoyal: Accompanied by Pascal Rogé (piano), the violinist performs works by Saint-Saëns and Franck **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week from Berkshire **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4 from the Olympics in Seoul with Cliff Morgan at the start of the athletics
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday programme introduced by Bernard Falk with travel expert Nigel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends hosted by Ned Sherrin with Robert Elms, Craig Charles and Victoria Mather
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Peter Jenkins explores the Government's thinking on how to handle major tragedies like Piper Alpha and the King's Cross fire in the future
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box (new series): Managing your money with Louise Botting
12.25 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams with Peter Jones (s) (r)
1.00 News **1.10** Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Lord Alexander QC, Angela Rumbold MP, John Prescott MP and Anne Mallalieu QC (r)
2.00 News; Consuming Passions: Sarah Dunant on modern style and design
2.45 The Best of Morning Story: God and the Brain by Gillian Dudley read by Maurice Denham (r)
3.00 Chcolate: Play by Alexander Tarasov-Rodyonov with Ian Hogg and Susanna Dawson (s) (r)
4.15 Fine Arts Brass: One of our leading ensembles reveal the lighter side of their repertoire (s)
4.30 Science Now with Alun Lewis
5.00 Six Lords A-Leaping: In the third of six conversations, John Timpson talks to the Earl of Cranbrook (r)
5.25 Olympiod 88: Steven Punt and Hugh Dennis with an Olympics satire (1 of 2) (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition. Making Up Breaking Up (s)
7.10 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: The Elder Statesman by T S Eliot with Frederick Treves as Lord Claverton (s)
9.15 Music in Mind: Raymond Leppard presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and a reflection led by Colin Semper (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Back to the Beginning. Rosemary Hartill visits the Bruderhofs, a Christian community living in Sussex
10.45 The Best Day of My Life (new series): Marjorie Lofthouse talks to prize-winning author Penelope Lively
11.00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club by Ian Brown and James Hendrie, starring Dorothy Tutin, Peggy Mount and Hugh Paddick in The Prunestone (4 of 6) (s)
11.30 Radio Active: Comedy series set in a fictional local radio station (s) (r)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as **LW** except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Room to Listen, Room to Talk **5.00** Science on the Road **5.30** Get by in Arabic.

SUNDAY

Angelic (or devilish) choirboy

CHOICE

● **Angel Voices** (Radio 4, 8.00pm), Lucy Lunt's anatomy of choirboys, won't diminish my sense of wonder at the sound they make, but it might well alter the way in which I view them, looking cherubic and companionable in ruffs and cassocks, on Christmas TV. A former senior chorister at King's, Cambridge, says they treated each other as horribly as the marooned choirboys in *Lord of the Flies* tyranized the rest of the island. "The way we behaved to each other made Joan Collins seem polite". You must rub that image out of your mind to get a clear view of the other side of the picture: the lad who believes he is pleasing God because he is singing His psalms from His book; and the former chorister who says the innate beauty in his church's stone and the words and music it encompassed, gave him a sense of beauty which he will recognize in other contexts for the rest of his life. After listening to *Angel Voices*, I suggest you tune in to the choristers of Liverpool Cathedral in **Choral Evensong** (Radio 3, 10.30pm).

P.D.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo & **MW** (medium wave) News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight **6.00** Nicky Campbell **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Radio 1 More Time **3.30** Backchat with Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton **4.00** Chartbusters with Bruno Brookes **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** The Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P with Culture Rock.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.05** Graham Knight **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday **9.10** Melodies for You (Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport **5.30** Charlie Chester with Sunday Soapbox **7.00** Thirty Minutes Worth (new series) **7.30** Personal Choice **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour **9.00** Your 100 Best Tunes (Alan Keith) **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Kathron Sturrock at the piano **11.00** Tony Russell presents Sounds of Jazz **12.05-4.00** Alan Dedicoat with Nightride **VHF Stereo** (not **5.00pm-12.00** midnight) as above except: **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Marcel Stellman **4.00** Orchestral Contrasts **4.30-5.00** Sing Something Simple.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Words 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science Action 9.40 Olympic Sportsworld 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Religious Service 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 News Summary 12.01 Play of the Week: Justice 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Olympic Sportsworld 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show 2.30 Prompt! 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Every Poem an Epitaph 4.45 Letter from America 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Sunday Half-hour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 A Choice of Verse 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 Has Socialism a Future? 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News Summary 1.01 From Raj Rapw 1.45 The Spinners and Friends 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Six Four Eight News 4.35 648 Letters 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 Letter From America 6.00 World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 The Wind Players of the Athena Ensemble: Elgar's Harmony Music No 1; Mozart's Là ci darem la mano (Don Giovanni, arr Triebensee); Ibert's Trois pièces brèves; and Milhaud's Suite from La Cheminée du Roi René
7.30 News
7.35 The Beethoven Sonatas: in E minor, Op 90 and in C minor, Op 111 played by John Lill (r)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Rachmaninov (Symphonic movement: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Ashkenazy): Albeniz (Piano Concerto, orch Trayter: RPO under Enrique Batiz); Schumann (Song cycle Frauenliebe und leben: Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, with Bruno Walter, piano); Glazunov (One-act ballet Les Ruses de l'amour: USSR RSO under Ziuraitis)
10.30 Music Weekly: Items on Dvorak's symphonic manuscripts, music for the Olympics, and a conversation with Alfreda Hodgson (mezzo-soprano)
11.15 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Andrew Davis conducts Mozart (Overture to The Marriage of Figaro); Brahms (Violin Concerto in D) and Elgar (Variations on an original theme, Enigma). With Viktoria Mullova (violin) Includes **12.00** Interval reading
12.45 Enesco String Quartet: Beethoven (Quartet in F Op 18 No 1); Martinu (Quartet No 1); and Dvorak (Quartet in D minor Op 34). Includes **1.55** Interval reading (r)
2.35 Writers Talking: Howard Schuman talks to the Canadian writer Robertson Davies (r)
3.00 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Walter Weller conducts Wagner (Wesendonck Lieder, arr Mottl); and Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minor, 1988 version). With Sarah Walker (mezzo-soprano). Includes **3.25** Robert Pascall talks on Bruckner as Wagner's symphonist
4.35 Moeran: Fantasy Quartet: Members of the English String Quartet with Sarah Francis (oboe)
4.50 Celebrity Recital: Jorge Bolet (piano) plays Mendelssohn (Prelude and Fugue in E minor, Op 35 No 1; and Rondo capriccioso Op 14); Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Appassionata) and Liszt (Sonetto 104 del Petrarca; Sonetto 123 del Petrarca — Années de pèlerinage, Deuxième année; Reminiscences de Norman — Bellini)
6.15 The Waste Land Revisited: Denis Donoghue (Henry James Professor of Letters at New York University) examines T.S. Eliot's poem. With extracts read by Alec Guinness and the author
7.00 Leonore: Live from the Royal Festival Hall, London. Beethoven's three-act opera (sung in German) performed by London Philharonic Choir and Orchestra under Roger Norrington. With Suzanne Murphy (soprano) in the title role, Philip Langridge (tenor), and Norman Bailey (baritone). Includes **8.35** Robert Simpson talks about the symbolic, dramatic and structural use of keys in Leonore and Fidelio
10.05 The Surprise of Being: Poems by Fernando Pessoa read by John Lowe and Manuel Santana (r)
10.30 Choral Evensong (see Choice)
11.25 Georges Enesco: String Quartet in G Op 22 No 2: Enesco Quartet
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Unfall: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) with Daniel Barenboim (piano). **12.10** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Salisbury Spire Trust
9.00 News **9.10** Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus
11.15 News Stand: With David Walker
11.30 Pick of the Week: A selection from the past week's television and radio programmes (s) (r)
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest in the Most Rev Trevor Huddleston (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time
2.30 Wonderful Land: Play by David Stafford (s) (r)
3.00 In Keeping with Tradition: Keith Allan meets David Denholm, senior keeper in the Grainger Market, Newcastle upon Tyne (r)
3.30 The Christian Centuries: Brian Redhead continues his survey of how the message of Christianity was passed on down the ages
4.00 Spotting the Flyers: Peter Evans considers the way psychological testing is used to assess future high-flyers in business and industry
4.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow tackles listeners' questions
5.00 Down Your Way: TUC general secretary, Norman Willis, visits Piccadilly in London **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Famous for 15 Minutes: Jenni Mills talks to people about what has happened to them since they were thrust briefly into the limelight (1) Erika Roe, Twickenham streaker (r)
6.30 A Good Read: Brian Gear with guests Valerie Grove and Lord Quinton discussing paperbacks they have enjoyed (r)
7.00 News; International Assignment
7.30 An Organistrum for Santiago: Zachary Taylor describes the making of a medieval musical instrument (s) (r)
8.00 Angel Voices: (see Choice)
8.30 Soundings: Hope Sealy on how Canada's native Indians are finding a place for their own spiritual heritage within the Anglican Church
9.00 News; Loves of the Great Composers, Haydn (s) (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News **10.15** In Kilvert Country: June Knox-Mawer visits the Welsh Border countryside immortalised in the diaries of Francis Kilvert, a young curate there in the 1870s (r)
11.00 Out of Order: A political quiz with Austin Mitchell MP, Julian Critchley MP, Julia Langdon and Dr David Butler (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Contemplative tradition of prayer through the life of St Teresa of Avila (s)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather
FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: **7.00** Servants, Masters and the Enlightenment **7.20** Social Science and Common Sense **7.40** The Gospels as History **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: 4.0 What's Your Game? **4.30** Cancer Check **5.00** Up Before the Bench **5.30** The Creating Eye

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BOOKS

Acting out the role of thespian

John Russell Taylor reads the latest hefty biography of Richard Burton, actor and professional hell-raiser

I once asked Noël Coward about the stage play he had allegedly written based on *Star Quality*. Well, he said, he had completed it and then decided it was not interesting enough to put on. The trouble was that it was exclusively about the trials and tribulations of show business, and while everyone inside show business thought everything that happened to them was of absorbing interest, no one outside gave a damn about how a show got on the road, provided it did.

Faced with a book about an actor the size of Melvyn Bragg's new biography of Richard Burton, it is difficult to dismiss Coward's strictures. Has there ever been an actor to whom nothing happened that was not showbiz, who was yet interesting enough to sustain such detailed personal consideration? Fans of *Mommy Dearest* and *My Mother's Keeper* would probably agree that they come within the Coward guidelines. And autobiographies are different, since they ultimately depend more on the talent of the writer to make what happened to him interesting than on the inherent interest of whatever it was.

Here, at least, **Rich** has an advantage: the very extensive use it makes of Burton's own unpublished notebooks. We knew already that Burton had ambitions as a writer, culled, perhaps, from early contacts with Dylan Thomas. (Thomas, certainly, seems to be the strongest influence on pieces published during Burton's lifetime.) And whenever he got fed up with the acting game, or somehow disillusioned, Burton would regularly think he might become a writer instead.

RICH, The Life of Richard Burton by Melvyn Bragg (Hodder & Stoughton, £15)

So it is not surprising that we catch a glimpse of him keeping a rather ordinary 14-year-old schoolboy's diary, shortly before the start of his relationship with Philip Burton, the "spotless bachelor" ("impropriety unthinkable", telegraphs Bragg) who was to become his sponsor, mentor, and surrogate father, and hand on his name.

From 1966 onwards, he kept *intermittently* notebook diaries-cum-commonplace books which had amounted by the time of his death to 350,000 words. These would seem to have gathered up his passing comments on books he was reading and events of the day, mostly unexceptional (he is shocked by Stephen Ward's trial, wry about Teddy Kennedy's misfortunes, and so on); they are really interesting only on three things: his professional self-analysis, his relations with Elizabeth Taylor (the notebooks begin around *The Taming of the Shrew*), and the occasional critical comment about fellow actors. One gets the impression that Bragg has salvaged everything (and perhaps rather more than everything) worth keeping.

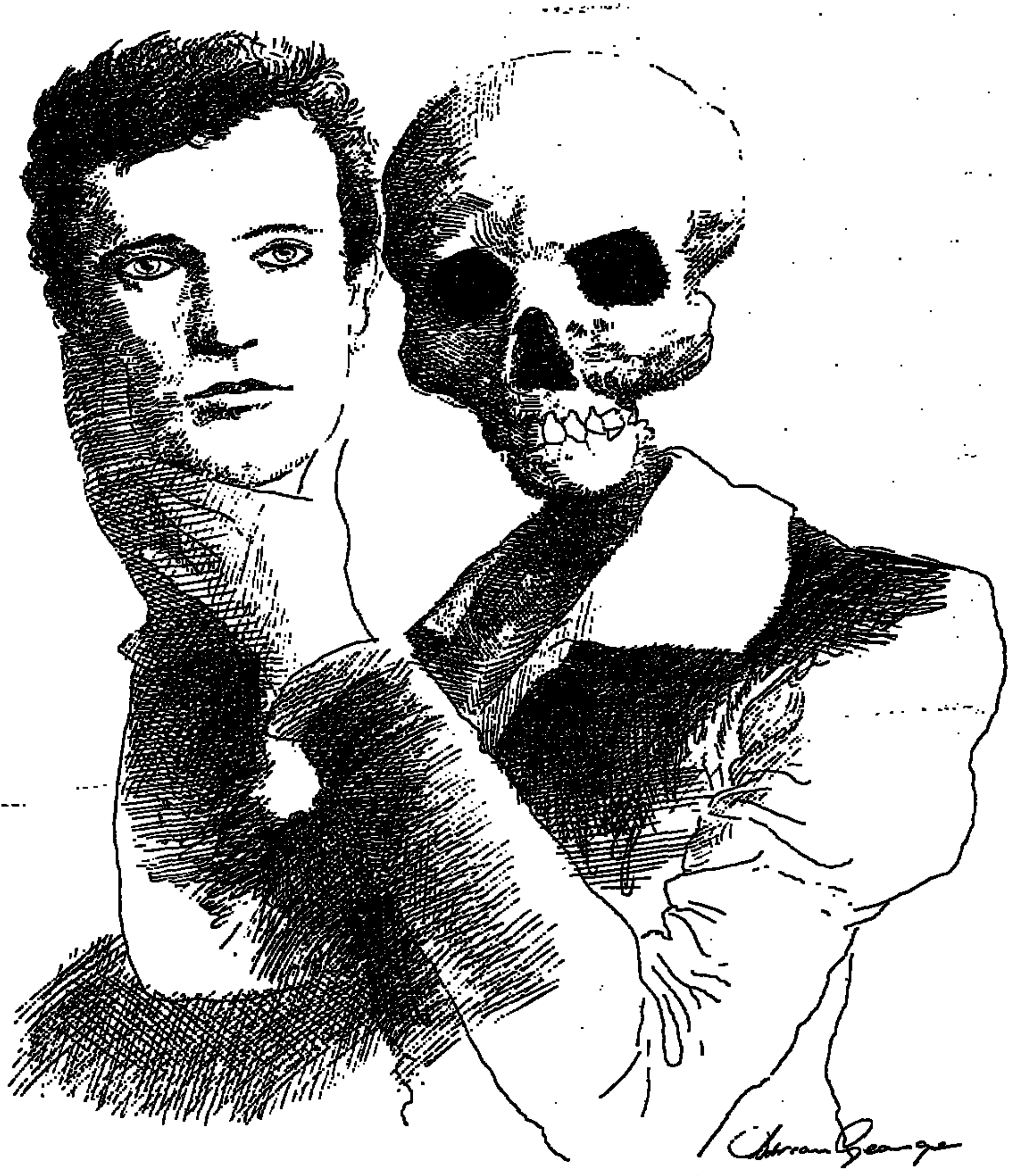
So, then, why this book? Not just, I think, because Burton had his name in lights throughout the world, for so have many others not deemed suitable for this hefty memorializing. Was he, finally, the star who came in from the cold, giving up brilliant prospects in the theatre for the creature comforts of a place in the Hollywood sun? Or was he, rather, the star who never (quite) was? Whatever may be thought of his acting skills on stage or film, the fact remains unarguable that his real fame stems from his relationship with Elizabeth Taylor, begun when, after a not particularly distinguished career in films, he was second choice to play Antony to her Cleopatra. From then on the world was agog — but about the pair of them rather than him in particular, even after they had divorced, remarried, redivorced, and gone through a further spouse or two apiece.

He always liked to say that she was the better actor. Whether he really meant it or not, as far as the screen is concerned he was probably right. She was certainly the more convincing movie star. But then she had been a star in the era of Louella and Hedda, when people were interested in your private life because of what you did on the screen. He became a star in the age of the *paparazzi* when the tail of private life tended to wag the dog of career.

Too often he just walked through his role with evident boredom; occasionally he acted too much, as though to remind us that he had played Hamlet. In one of the more striking notebook asides he compares himself (defensively) with Paul Scofield: no one remembers, he says, that Scofield bust a gut to become a movie star and failed. But one wonders whether a more immediate comparison would not be with John Neville; Neville, too, was was touted as the next great actor, but shortly disappeared to re-emerge in Canada as a respected director and manager. Who knows what would have happened to Burton if he had not shifted to the cinema when he did? The fantasy of the great career one might have had is always more comfortable than the hard slog of actually trying to live it out. And Burton seems to have been, for all his intelligence and superficial energy, deeply lazy.

He was, of course, one of a generation of "Celtic" drinking, roistering, headline-hitters, Irish (Richard Harris, Peter O'Toole) and Welsh (himself, Stanley Baker). He cheerfully speculated that, in his own case, this might come from a fear of homosexuality. More likely, for all of them, it stemmed from a deep doubt about whether being a film star was any job fit for a man.

Since everyone else will, I cannot resist contributing my most vivid memory of him (them), which seems to me particularly typical of the charm, the irritant quality, and the characteristic mixing of motives. I had gone to Sardinia to see some shooting on *Boom*. As chance would have it, I was first introduced to Elizabeth Taylor. Her response was brief and to the point: 10 words, mostly choice expletives, and off she swept. Moments later, it was Burton's turn. He fixed me with his basilisk eye. "You're the one who said I was oafish." "Doesn't sound like my style," I said, feverishly trying to recall what I *had* said about *The Taming of the Shrew*. "Cloddish, then. No? Well, I'll remember. Never forget a review. Never." He turned on his heel and stalked out. But then at the door he turned, his features suffused with a schoolboy grin. "Well anyway," he announced, "it's already taken eight million domestic."



Tapestry of life under a tropic sun

After the end of the Raj, Britain regarded its erstwhile empire with nervous embarrassment until a new generation of Britons, on hippie travels, were surprised by its legacy in countries round the world. With this generation, the word "empire" became shorn of personal significance, freed of any twinges of conscience. From the late Seventies, as Edwardes points out, there has been nostalgia — not for the Raj in particular, but for the British Empire (as a whole) and for the loss of world power that was the inevitable consequence of de-colonization.

We are, perhaps, still not far enough away to look back at the Raj with complete impartiality, but four decades do provide distance enough for an interim assessment of *those who made and sustained* the Raj.

That is what Edwardes attempts in this elegant, variegated, and kaleidoscopic *patchwork, exploring the* highways and byways of the Raj to select and offer what is in many ways the most interesting information for us today: the minutiae of empire, details of the way in which memsahibs, diplomats, mercenaries, traders, and civil *servants* lived and worked in British India.

There was, for example, King Collins, who, in his capacity as Resident at the court of the Maharaja Sindia, always travelled with his complete zenana, and a private *brigade of artillery — the sole* purpose of its existence being to fire salutes to him. Henry Russell, Resident at the court of Hyderabad, bled the king*dom for taxes until the* population rebelled; then sent in a British military force — at the Nizam's expense. Soon after this, Russell turned the kingdom over to the banking house of William Palmer & Co, who became the effectual rulers of Hyderabad, not infrequently besieging villages for payment of taxes.

The Sahib and the Lotus: The British in India by Michael Edwardes (Constable, £14.95)

Colonel Skinner, son of a Scots father and a Rajput mother, once in the employ of a Maratha prince, later joined the British and was rewarded with a valuable estate and the Order of the Bath. He never learnt much English, and wrote his memoirs in Persian, the courtly language of Mughal India. He built what later served as Delhi's cathedral, until it was superseded by Lutyens's magnificent building in the centre of New Delhi. However, Skinner also built a mosque for the use of his family, who apparently remained Muslims.

Such people, colourful as they are, represent the exceptions. The life of the British soldier in India, for example, was unutterably dull: apart *from an hour's drill, he did not* seem to have anything to do except sleep and eat. The average age for a soldier in Britain was 39½: in India, hardly 18. This was not due to the various battles so celebrated in the myths of British India: of all the men sent to India in the two-and-a-half centuries up to and including the Mutiny, 9,467 died, but only 586 were actually killed in action: the rest succumbed to disease and the effects of an inappropriate lifestyle under a tropic sun.

As a result, British India was very much a young man's world: Metcalfe, when appointed Resident at Delhi, was only 26: his brother, who was President of the Civil Court, was in his early twenties; the head of the criminal court was even younger.

Edwardes builds up an *entertaining and moving* picture of the progress of empire, every scene filled with details hand-picked from a thousand books — though his acuity weakens at particular points as he approaches this century.

Take his view that intercommunal violence in India "*remained essentially* unchanged". This violence was, in fact, a relatively recent result of two factors: Hindu revivalism (paradoxically spawned by British rule) which grew upon the Indian nationalist movement; and Britain's divide and rule pol*icy which deliberately* manipulated and increased the gap between these two communities, for example by choosing Hindus as top officials in Muslim states, and vice versa.

Looking back, Edwardes ruefully considers Indian words in English, which still retain their virility in common speech, one of the few permanent legacies of the British connection with India. He seems to forget the legacy of the *800,000* or so "Indian" immigrants now in Britain, but he would probably argue that that particular phenomenon is beyond the historical scope of his work.

What he has given to us is a work of magisterial authority and enormous readability, a tapestry rich in design and remarkable in detail, a continuous barrage of surprise.

Prabhu S. Guptara

Worlds and games

SCIENCE FICTION

Arthur C. Clarke: ideas man

Sex has been added. As though believing that his limitless, but passionless, concepts might need a horizon of reeling-and-writhing humanity to define them better, and perhaps more commercially, Arthur C. Clarke, the great science fiction veteran, has introduced a misplaced kettle of steaminess into his latest epic, **Cradle** (Gollancz, £11.95).

Perhaps it is collaboration with space-scientist Gentry Lee — a public-relations name *if ever I heard one* — that has brought about the too-obvious body language. But admirers, such as myself, will find such horizontal gymnastics distracting from what is, without embroidery, one of his greatest themes: the nurture of seed-podded godlings beneath *the* Earth's seas.

Clarke's characters move, as usual, with the jerky mobility of matchstick figures, but the ideas are what matter with this author, and the notion of an ocean boiling with future possibilities is worth infinitely more than all the sexual churn.

Iain Banks's second science fiction, **The Player of Games** (Macmillan, £11.95), brings his gifts for the genre into sharper focus: a *fantasy*-skewed narrative so taken for granted it becomes communicatingly acceptable and credible to us, as in this story of the great game-player who takes on a match that burrows through time and space in its own philosophy. Tremendous.

The Coming of the King: The First Book of Merlin by Nikolai Tolstoy (Bantam, £12.95), an initial helping of sage-pudding, is wondrously satisfying with its evocation of a medieval murk illumined by the light of spiritual belief. *The writer has* the great talent of convincing us that we think as members of another time, a separate place.

William Gibson's jumpy prose style in **Mona Lisa Overdrive** (Gollancz, £10.95), is admirably suited to a vision of the future where all seems to have short-circuited, and ghosts have hi-tech reasons in a story that answers some of the questions raised in *Count Zero* and *Neuromancer*.

Tom Hutchinson

Return of the sleuth

CRIME

It is a comfort that deep in caverns measureless to man are piled heaps of agreeably intelligent detective stories, ancient and modern, and that they *are being reprinted in* paperbacks. **The Moving Toyshop** by Edmund Crispin (Penguin, £3.95) is set in the Oxford of 1938, and dedicated to Philip Larkin who was at St John's College with the author. It is replete with literary allusions pleasantly intro*duced. The amateur detective*, Gervase Fen, who unmasks the murderer is a Professor of English. I was at Oxford in 1938, so being taken round the streets, shops, pubs, and colleges of the time was agreeable nostalgia. The story of the disappearing toyshop which baffles the hero Cadogan, a friend of Fen, is an ingenious puzzle, and the faint implausibility about some of the proceedings does not mar its enjoyability.

The Benson Murder Case (The Hogarth Press, £3.95) is further in the past. Published *in 1926, it was the first book* by S.S. Van Dine (William Huntington Wright) about Philo Vance, the languid, rich, cultured, upper-class, amateur detective. Vance is reminiscent of Sherlock Holmes. He has two Watsons, the narrator who is his legal man of affairs, *and the* district attorney who is his foe. The story of the New York stockbroker, shot in his own apartment but not wearing his toupee (a major clue).

First published in 1930, Mr **Pottermack's Oversight** (The Hogarth Press, £3.95), is by the workmanlike R. Austin Freeman, the inventor of Dr Thorndyke, a medical legal consultant, who considers that the murderer, whose tiny mistake over footprints he spotted, had been much maltreated by the world. Very good stuff, and a pleasant glimpse of pre-war Home Counties England.

There are two short novels in the Margery Allingham **No Love Lost** (Penguin, £3.95) of which I prefer the second, **Safer Than Love**. The head*master of a preparatory school* in a southern seaside town gets married to a much younger, extremely pretty girl, whose engagement with a young doctor has been broken. The headmaster is found murdered at the bottom of a well. All is unravelled painstakingly by the local superintendent of police who tolerantly separates fact from gossip.

Amanda Cross takes the title **Sweet Death, Kind Death** (Virago, £4.50) from a poem by Stevie Smith. She is also tediously feminist, repetitively demonstrating the superiority of women to men, and almost wrecks a good story by so doing.

Fortunately, she stays on the rails, to keep one absorbed in the curious case of the distinguished historian at a New England women's university who apparently committed suicide, but perhaps did not. Despite Cross thrusting feminism at me on every other page, I shall read more of her stories about her *amateur sleuth who, predict*ably, is a woman.

Ride a Pink Horse (Penguin, £3.95) is by Dorothy *B. Hughes, who makes her* central character a tough Raymond Chandler/Dashiell Hammett type, saying and doing all manner of things I should have supposed no woman would have contemplated. There is a bizarre chase through a carnival in a New Mexico town, spattered with blood and social commentary. But the book is not at all bad in its vigour and excitement.

First published in 1986, **The Greenwich Apartments** by Peter Corris (Unwin, £2.95) has an old-fashioned left-wing slant, now much in vogue in Australia, where the action is. A girl skilled in devising television programmes is working on a documentary designed to expose the corrup*tion of some prominent* Australian figures. She is murdered. Her rich father hires a private detective to find out why; and after some gruesome adventures he does. Rough but entertaining.

Woodrow Wyatt

Pictures in your hand

QUICK GUIDE

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week:

Greatly Exaggerated the wit *and wisdom (both a bit* exaggerated) of Mark Twain, edited by Alex Ayres (Barrie & Jenkins, £5.95) *Bon mots* and gags from books, speeches, *letters, and chat, arranged by* sundry topic.

H.G. Wells Desperately Mortal by David C Smith (Yale, £10.95) Large literary and *public-and-private-figure* biography by American academic.

Hockney Posters collected by Brian Baggott, introduction by *Eric Shanes (Pavilion, £9.95)* Comprehensive collection in colour, to coincide with next month's retrospective at the Tate.

***Hollywood and the Box Office*, 1895-1986** by John Izod (Macmillan, £9.95) First publication of study of the business and politics behind *the flickering screen.*

In Through The Head by William McIlvanney (Mainstream, £4.95) New and selected poetry from the *Scottish novelist.*

Life in the Land of the Living by Daniel Vilmure (Faber, £4.95) First publication of first novel set on a hot night in a *seedy Florida town, in the* tradition of harrowing Southern fictions and Tennessee Williamsville.

Poems 1955-1987 by Roy Fisher (Oxford, £7.95) Expanded edition of the 1980 poetry by the unmistakably English poet whose style and aesthetics are nevertheless experimental and internationalist.

Revolutionary Petunias by Alice Walker (The Women's Press, £2.95) Poems about *revolutionaries and lovers* by the feminist author of *The Color Purple*.

Royal Kew by Ronald King (Constable, £8.95) Former secretary of the Royal Botanic Gardens on *the history and* daily life of the great scientific institution that is also a national pleasure-garden, *from* the handkerchief tree to the follies and lilacs.

Hockney
Posters

Shaftesbury by Georgina Battiscombe (Constable, £9.95) Biography of the *seventh Earl, the Victorian* reformer and crusader.

The City as a Work of Art by Donald J Olsen (Yale, £12.95) *London, Paris, and Vienna*, relating planning and architecture to the political values and social cultures that created them, and the way we *live in them; heavily illustrated*, well argued.

The Air Show by Peter Scupham (Oxford, £4.95) This seventh collection is a sequence of poems *interlinked* by childhood memories of the Second World War.

The Best of Robert Morley edited by Robert Morley (Robson, £6.95) Selected reminiscences, travel stories, *causeries*, funnies in honour of the 80th birthday.

The Case for Animal Rights by Tom Regan (Routledge, £7.95) Comprehensive philosophical and political development of an ethical theory based on rights, *and including non-human* animals among the holders of rights.

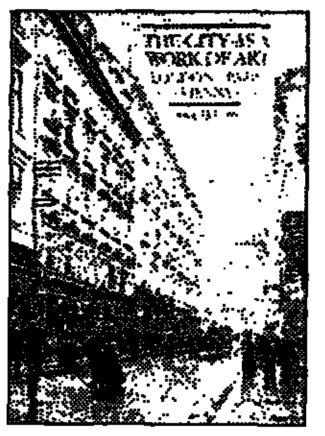
The Cloud Forest by Peter Matthiesen (Collins Harvill, £5.95) Writer and naturalist through the South American wilderness from the Sargasso Sea to Amazonia, and Machu Picchu to Tierra del Fuego and *Patagonia*.

The Garden of Eden by John Prest (Yale, £8.95) Illustrated history of the development of the botanic garden in Europe as a Utopian attempt to recreate Paradise on earth.

The Last Cuckoo chosen and introduced by Kenneth Gregory (Unwin Hyman, £4.50) *Positively (well pretty* positively) the last collection of letters witty, angry, pithy, frothy to the Old Ed., prettily introduced by Bernardo.

The Legacy of Conquest by Patricia Nelson Limerick (Norton, £6.95) Anecdotal and jolly history of the American Wild West, and its unbroken continuity today.

The Oxford History of the Classical World: 1, Classical Greece and the Hellenistic World; 2, The Roman World; edited by John Boardman, Jasper Griffin, and Oswyn Murray (Oxford, £9.95 each) Brightest and best of our classical scholars (especially the Oxford ones) study our roots by themes, scholarly but accessible introduction to the *past, attractively illustrated*, with up-to-date advice on further reading.



The Stricken Deer by David Cecil (Constable, £6.95) Life of the gentle, domestic poet whose placid verse was in sharp contrast to his inner turmoil, *Angst*, and gloom.

Strong women, not spineless jellyfish

CHILDREN

The School at the Chalet; Jo of the Chalet School; The Princess of the Chalet School; The Head Girl of the Chalet School by Elinor M Brent-Dyer (W & R Chambers, £10.95 each)

Could you speak French on Mondays and Fridays, German on Tuesdays and Thursdays, English on Wednesdays and Saturdays and go-as-you-please on Sundays? Save the life of a Crown Princess by using your *stockings* as a rope? Marry a man 15 years your senior because he is a "solid lump"? Rescue a St Bernard *from a* watery grave? Convert to Catholicism and have 11 children without noticing? Was your music master called Plato?

If so, you and Joey Bettany, the heroine of Elinor M. Brent-Dyer's 58-strong series of girls' school stories, deserve each other. And here are the first four books in a canon which, equally miraculously, has been called Proustian, in a new collectors' edition with the exuberant original wrappers, gloomy little line drawings and a peach of a portrait of dear Miss Brent-Dyer herself, looking like a cat *who has been at the cream*.

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TRAVEL

Where the best knees will be bending

Confused by the heavy fall of brochures for the coming season? **Rob Neillands** is your ski guide

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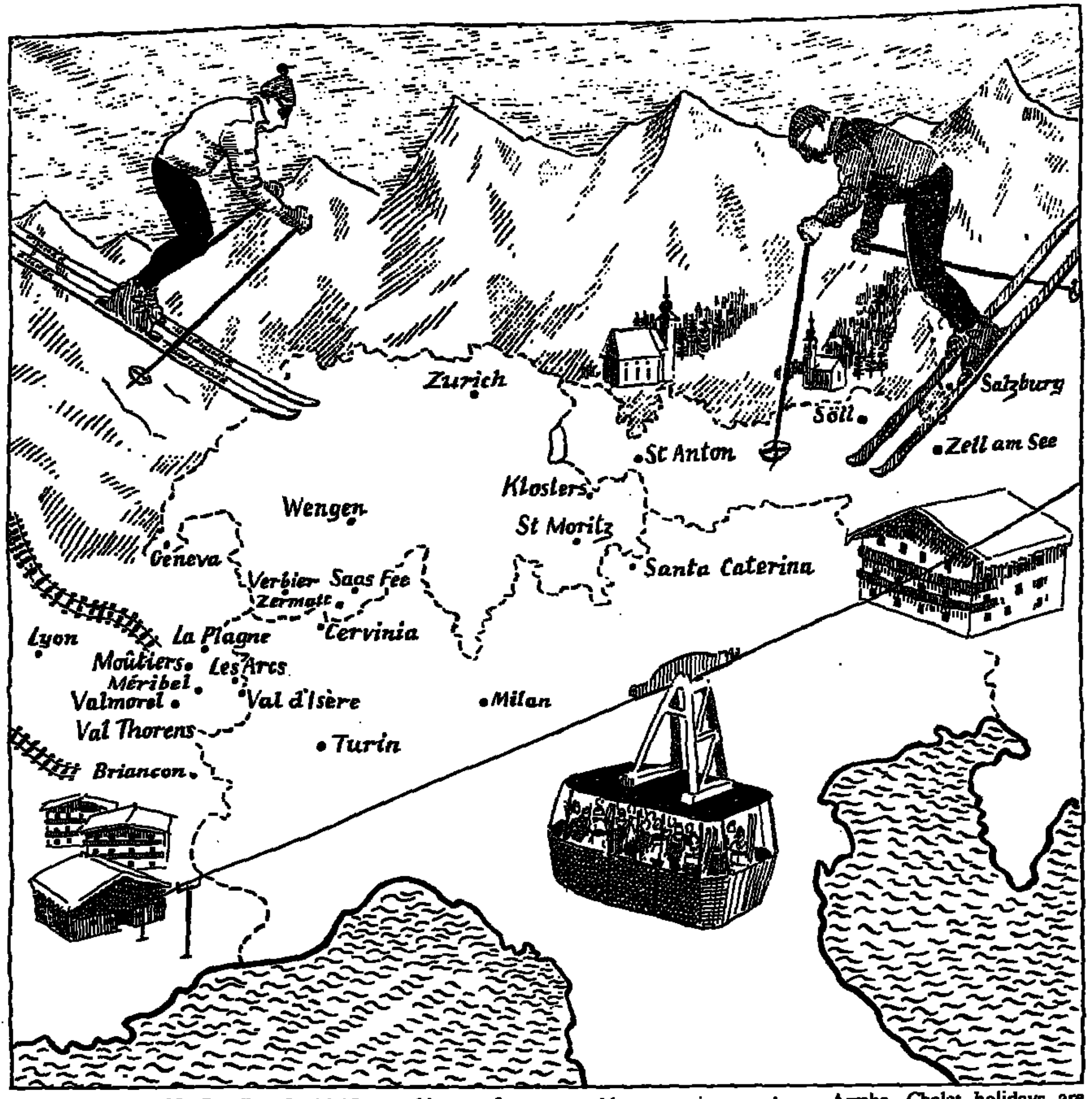

WEATHER

The approach of the 1988-89 ski season confronts Britain's 500,000 or so regular skiers with an awful prospect: after last winter's débâcle, with bare brown slopes across the Alps until mid-January, will there be any snow to start the season?

The answer lies in the lap of fate, but a trawl through the current ski brochures reveals that if the snow is absent, skiers will at least receive financial compensation, if at varying rates. For example, Blue Sky and NAT offer £30 a day, Thomson £25, Neilson £20, Intasun and VFB £15. All these "snow guarantees" are hedged about with various conditions, mainly that there is no snow anywhere within striking range of the resort. But not everybody will be prepared to spend their ski holiday coaching about the Alps in search of open runs.

Christmas and New Year skiers are advised to choose a high-level resort (like Zermatt, Saas-Fee, Cervinia or Val Thorens) or one close to a glacier (like Zell-am-See or La Plagne) or one equipped with snow-making machinery (like St Moritz or Méribel).

To help with the decision, a number of companies will be providing up-to-the-minute snow reports. Ski Thomson is supplying these direct to the ABTA travel agents' computer screens, while Neilson is putting its reports on Prestel 53353353, or supplying them by telephone (0532 434516).

Regular reports provided by the Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB) from its reps in the Alps are available by telephone (0898 666777). Skiers heading for Scotland can dial 0898 654654 for their weather information.

The Times, in addition to regular features on aspects of skiing, will be carrying daily ski weather reports from the resorts.

GETTING THERE

The return of rail travel is a notable feature this year. Once a popular way of getting to the Alps, there are now direct rail links to Briançon and Moûtiers. Neilson is offering rail travel to Les Arcs, Méribel and Valmorel — leave on Friday evening, return to Dover on the following Sunday morning. This offers two extra days skiing, no risk of air delays and a £15 saving on air travel. Ski-drive is available from many companies. Brittany Ferries offers a complete ski-drive package including ferry booking and tickets via Portsmouth-Caen to the resorts of Savoie — a week self-catering in Méribel at the end of January costs from £89.

FOR THE FAMILY

This year's brochures show an increased concentration on the family, with special offers that include substantial discounts of up to 70 per cent or even free holidays for the children. These discount offers require close inspection, for they may require the child to share the parents' room, or only be available on certain dates, or on certain flights, or at certain hotels and resorts.

More useful are the parent support services which most companies provide, though not at all resorts. One company which specializes in families with young children and babies is Ski Esprit, where facilities include a Family Club-hotel at Les Carroz, full or half-day crèches at prices from £22 per child per week, the presence of an NNEB or RGN qualified British nannie at all their resorts, supervised children's meals, babysitting and "child-proofed" chalets. Ski Nannies are also available from Mark Warner at £65 a week, and babysitting is also available at £6 per evening. A careful look through the brochures will reveal a lot of such help for families. Ski Thomson has listed 22 Family Choice resorts, and Go-Ski is offering the services of "Aunty Snowflake" at many of its resorts this winter. Blue Sky is running baby patrols at five Austrian resorts, and American Dream is offering free skiing holidays for children at Copper Mountain, Colorado, during January.

Parents with older children, unable to go skiing themselves, can send their offspring on escorted trips with Supertravel or the Ski Club of Great Britain. Supertravel are offering Teenager weeks in Verbier, Wengen and St Anton in December, January and April at prices from £299. Age ranges are 12-14 and 14-17, and the price includes everything except the lift pass. The SCGB also offers special escorted trips for children, covering two age ranges, 11-15 and 16-17. A week at Valloire for 16-17 year-olds costs from £390; a week for 11-15 year-olds at Chatel in March £410.

WHERE TO GO

American resorts are back in a big way, thanks to the strong pound. Ski Thomson, American Dream, Bladon Lines, Intasun, Club Med, Power Byrne and Snowranger all feature American resorts. The most popular resorts are Aspen and Vail, where Inghams is offering seven days at The Lodge for £799 (bed and breakfast) or 14 days for £1,289. A week in Aspen costs from £579, or two weeks £803 in mid-January. This resort would be the best choice since from Aspen you can also ski Aspen Mountain, Snowmass and Buttermilk.

Go now while the pound remains strong against the dollar, and if possible go for two weeks and hire a car. The widest ski programme in America is available from American Dream, which offers a wide choice of 12 resorts in Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada and New York State.

Five British operators have also returned to Isola 2000 in the Alpes-Maritimes: NAT, Neilson, Small World, Vacations and Air France.

SKI CLUB

The Ski Club of Great Britain's Winter Arrangements programme includes a Wedel course at St Anton; Advanced Off-Piste and Powder Snow weeks in Argentière and Wengen; Heli-skiing in the Canadian Rockies; and a trip along the famous Haute Route, the classic ski-touring trail from Chamonix to Zermatt, a 10-day trip led by mountain guide Fred Harper costing approximately £750.

The Ski Club of Great Britain (01-245 1033) is actively seeking to increase its membership and provides a great range of services to British skiers, including a resort information service, ski representatives in main resorts, advice on equipment, a monthly magazine, and a London clubhouse. Adult membership costs £30 a year, with reductions for families and those living outside London.

CHRISTMAS

With Christmas Day and New Year's Day both on a Sunday, 10-day trips over the holiday are on offer. For example, Brittany Ferries is offering an 11-night holiday at Les Deux Alpes, half-board at prices from £421. Go-Ski offers 10-day Christmas holidays at most of its chalets at prices from £349. Those who can manage only a short break are also catered for. Ski Thomson is offering three-night breaks in Austria at prices from £106, and Global has three or four night holidays in the Tyrol at prices from £146 for a short break in Soll.

SAFETY

Skiers have become more safety conscious, especially when off-piste, since an avalanche struck down members of the Royal skiing party at Klosters last winter. One company, Snow & Rock, has a good range of safety equipment including, for £29, a Bleepah, a small transmitter sending out a signal that can be picked up by avalanche rescue teams. Snow & Rock also hires out the powerful Pieps transceiver for £19 per week, or sells it for £160. Finding buried skis is easier if brightly coloured Powder-Tracer ribbons, at £6.50 a pair, are attached to the bindings.

THE CHALET

Chalet holidays, offering full English breakfasts and post-piste afternoon tea, have been a major part of the ski scene since they were first introduced by Colin Murison Small just 30 years ago. Small World has issued its usual jokey brochure for 1988-89, which concentrates wisely on the Dolomites, notably at Colfosco, San Cassiano and Arraba. Chalet holidays are going up in the world, with ever-improving food and wine and high-grade accommodation to replace the former tissue-walled bedrooms and tepid showers. Supertravel offers gourmet menus on all its chalet holidays and a firm promise of "No More Plonk". Ski Thomson and Mark Warner are offering first-class chalet accommodation at Verbier, Méribel or Val d'Isère.

BEGINNERS

In the continuing attempt to turn more first-time skiers into regular clients, many companies are offering special "Start-to-Ski Weeks". These offer: a welcome party; an all-in price for ski hire, lessons and instruction; small classes with English-speaking instructors in carefully chosen resorts. Many of these are based in Austria, the perfect country for first-time skiers where, to give one example, Global is offering a special beginner's pack at Kirchdorf for just £79 on top of the cost of the normal holiday. Pegasus Ski-Italy offers start-to-ski weeks at five resorts in Italy, of which Santa Caterina or Abetone would be particularly suitable. Start-to-ski weeks are also available from Ski Thomson, Ski NAT, Neilson, Intasun, Crystal, Horizon, Global, Go Ski, and others.

ADVANCED

Thomson offers ski-test weeks with Salomon equipment, and Global something similar with Rossignol. Supertravel has taken on the excellent Ali Ross Ski Clinics which will be run this winter at Tignes. New this year will be an Ali Ross course for Wobbly Intermediates. Other Ali Ross weeks will cater for advanced skiers, with costs from £80-£120 on top of the normal holiday cost. Ski Vacations is running its Ski Elite courses again, as well as a course for absolute beginners and intermediates at five French centres. For those who can already ski well, Supertravel offers a Twelve Valley tour from Val d'Isère to Val Thorens at prices from £644, or instruction in off-piste and ski-mountaineering from two experienced mountain guides, Fred Harper and Iain Peter. The minimum age here is 17, and the cost is £140 for one week. Pegasus Ski-Italy is introducing long tours to the Dolomites with an eight-day trip from Val de Fassa to Val Gardena, with accommodation at three-star hotels (prices from £385).

A brochure mountain

Wise skiers will get a variety of brochures and spend some time comparing offers and prices, a considerable task when the Ski Thomson brochure alone runs to more than 200 pages. Ski brochure design leaves a lot to be desired, with too much attention given to glossy photographs and not enough to presenting the information in a digestible form.

For further information and brochures contact the nearest high street ABTA travel agent, or the operators direct: American Dream, (01-470 1181); Brittany Ferries, Portsmouth (0705 751833); Blue Sky, Birmingham (021 6326282); Ski Thomson, (01-431 2394); Go Ski, Crawley (0293 517733); Neilson, (01-446 2134); Global, (01-464 6666); Inghams, (01-785 7777); Kuoni, Dorking (0306 885044); Ski NAT, (01-446 5104); Pegasus Ski-Italy, (01-773 2323); Snowtime, (01-836 3237); Vacations, Leicester, (0533 539100); Intasun, (01-851 3321); Young World, Brighton (0273 202391); Mark Warner, (01-938 1851); Ski Esprit, Fleet, (0252 616789); Supertravel, (01-584 5060); Small World, Tunbridge Wells (0892 511733).

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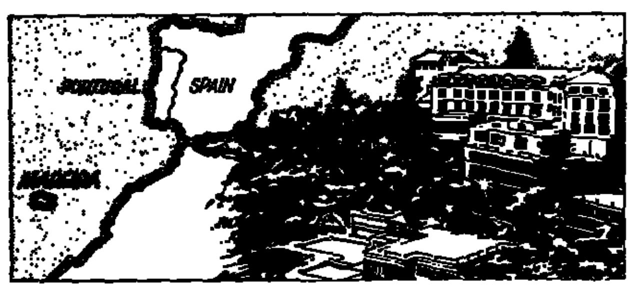

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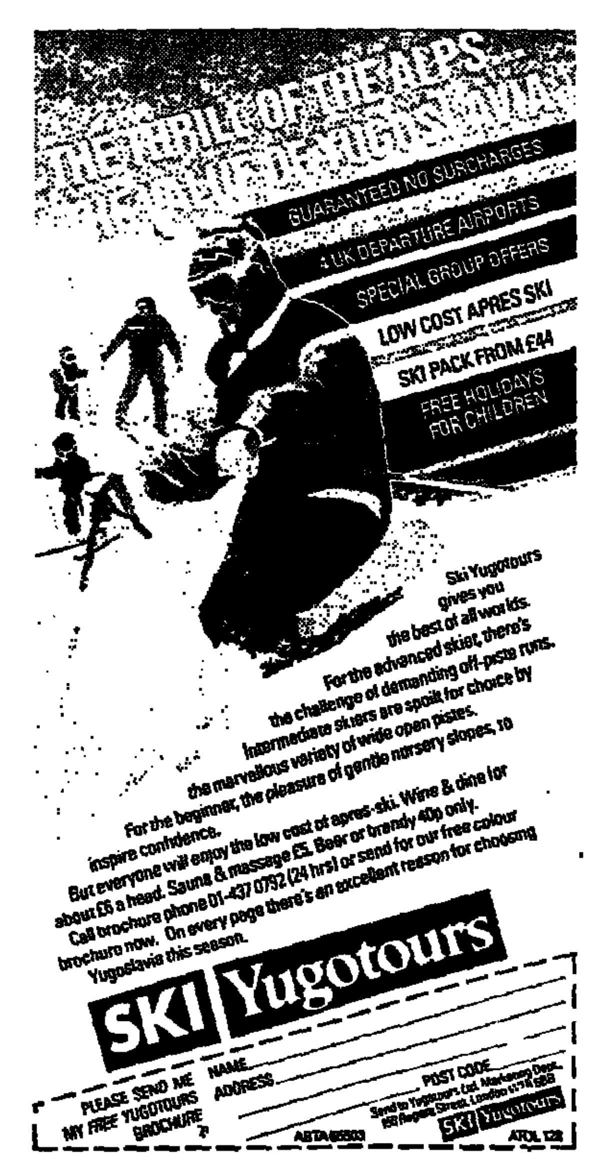

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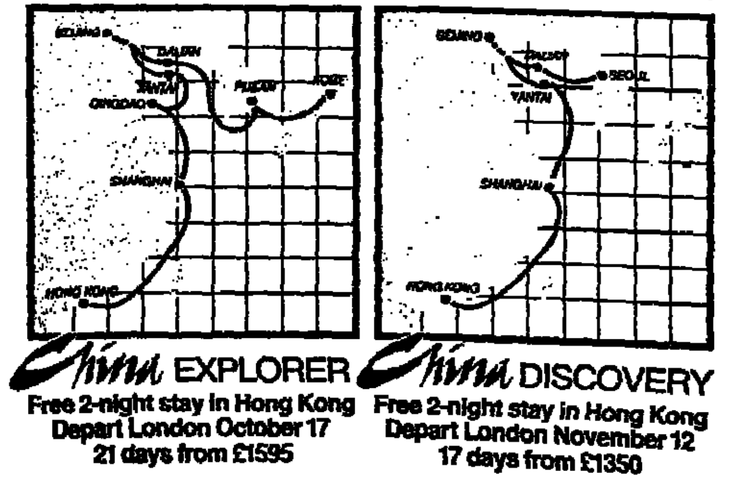

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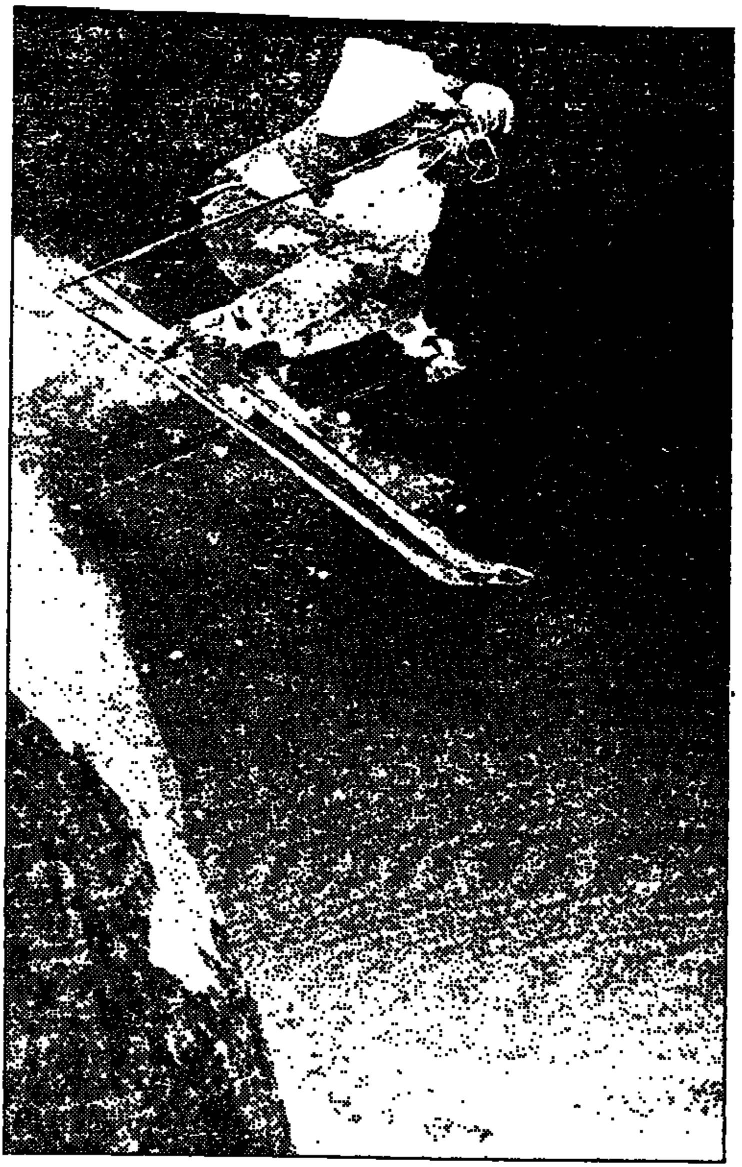
Daredevils, deep snow and danger

With the thrills of skiing off-piste being advertised, **Brian James** sounds a warning



Flying down the mountains with the speed of a bird . . .

Would anyone of sense try to avoid congestion on motorways by taking to lanes knowing that a proportion were mined? Clearly not. Would they trust marked "safe" lanes through the minefield if told that the man who placed the marker cones was only semi-trained and did not know where the mines were buried? Again, obviously not. Yet, in a sense, that is precisely the peril many British skiers will slide into during the coming winter, when the innocent are led by the ignorant in search of greater adventure on skis.

The motorway analogy is apt, because it is the congestion of human traffic on the prepared and marked pistes that is persuading more and more of the boldest to go off-piste. Dozens die this way — caught in avalanches, or killed by falls on to rocks.

But it took the death in the spring of a friend of Prince Charles, in the same skiing party, to give prominence to the problem and to provoke one experienced Swiss instructor to say: "There are not one in 10 among British skiers capable of going safely in deep powder. The next King of England, I must say this, is not one of them. But perhaps his escape will make other people look more at what they are doing, and listen when we talk of safety."

Would that the British winter-travel industry would show as much concern.

I carried out a survey of 24 brochures from the foot-high pack which has already arrived in this office. Of this sample, 20 write vividly of the potential for away-from-the-crowds, off-piste powder skiing: not one chooses to remind potential customers that this was an option that 90 per cent of them could not sensibly take up.

Nineteen of the 24 made a brisk selling point that now they, too, offer the services in the Alps of qualified men and women who will show customers around their chosen holiday mountain. Some call them "guides", others "ski leaders" or "escorts", or indicate that the ubiquitous "representative" will also, when time permits, blaze trails about the slopes. All tend to lean on that word "qualified" as heavily as a novice on his ski-poles.

But qualified by whom? And to do what? One brochure chirpily admits that its own-brand ski leader certificate has not yet been recognized by the ski authorities; another makes play of the fact its guides have "all *attended* a BASI (British Association of Ski Instructors) course". (My italics.)

Most brochures lean almost as heavily on the BASI imprimatur.

The barely believable reality is that of the 2,000 BASI instructors, fewer than one in 10 are qualified to lead skiers into off-piste powder. Even the top Grade One badge, won only after seasons of teaching, tests and assessments, does not, of itself, permit an instructor to lead off piste.

Hazel Bain, administrator of the association, says: "BASI badge holders are teachers of skiing technique. But there is no guarantee they know a thing about snow other than the best way to negotiate the six feet of slope in front of them.

"A squeak beneath your foot means water lying somewhere — and thus poor adhesion between layers of snow. A tiny ball of snow at the end of a little trail means the stuff is ready to roll. These are avalanche conditions. But unless you have been in the valley before the first snow and know the surface, have seen the various layers pile up, you cannot know exactly where a slide might start.

"I can ski deep powder. Done so for years. But I am not qualified to lead you into the stuff, and wouldn't dream of doing so. For a start, BASI would throw the rule book at me. And in some countries, like Austria, I could end up in prison."

In the main Alpine countries, only government-authorized *mountain* (as opposed to ski) guides may lead parties beyond the piste-markings. By no means do all Swiss and Austrian ski-instructors hold that qualification: the 15-20 per cent youngest and least experienced in any school almost certainly do not.

And not more than half the 80 to 90 Britons who have completed the gruelling Association of British Mountain Guides course, and are thus recognized as having parity with Alpine experts, are actually also engaged in skiing. How, then, from a maximum pool of 40, can dozens of tour operators adequately staff hundreds of resorts?

My answer is that they cannot. Theirs will come in an indignant chorus that they do not try to; that all their guides promise is to show clients the lay-out of the resort, how to evade lift-queues. But this ignores the reality of what happens when macho young men, under the influence of a good lunch and the need to impress the maidens are urged: "Oh, don't be wimpish, show us the powder."

The Alpine authorities who have to go and retrieve bodies are under no illusion. Every year more resorts add restrictions on "guiding" to the traditional prohibition on ski-instruction by tour reps. Ernst Speiss, president of the Tyrolean instructors' association, says: "We had to act; the figures of accidents was rising and rising. We are getting this under control with the big operators, but the small tour people are still a problem.

"Even local guides have to go each day to the head of the instructors to find out what information he has from the avalanche research centres. The head alone must decide where it is safe. But boys from cities with maybe two, three years as skiers think they can know enough to lead parties.

"One British operator began this guiding a few years. Now they all follow. In Austria we are getting fierce on this. If they take people into powder, we throw them out of our towns. The Swiss, too. The French have always been more easy, but I know they will soon follow."

There is now a total ban on guides in Zermatt, where the director of skiing is Amadée Perrig: "We had to do this. For security. People face regulations and laws in their lives. When they come to the mountains they want to be free, have no rules.

"We offer a compromise. We let the reps organize the social life, the travel. Then for two days *we* provide ski-guides to show parties over the mountains. The charge is small, maybe £30 for a group of 15. We do not think this is too much. More operators are beginning to accept this. More resorts are beginning to do the same."

Devastation in the snow: in the wake of an avalanche, mountain rescuers search for bodies

. . . or whirling past trees off-piste is only for the experienced

One group that now only uses local, native, guides is Swiss Travel. Director Nick Banford explains why "this guiding thing was getting out of hand". Skiing clients were clearly more comfortable with their own language, so operators began trawling for expatriate Britons, Australian and American ski-bums, prepared to work for their keep, to lead groups about resorts.

"There were too many horror stories. So we decided to recruit from local ski schools. A little more expensive, but for peace of mind . . ." he said.

My minefield analogy was chosen, too, by Judith McCubbin, BASI instructor and director of Tailor-Made, a specialist ski-holiday operation: "I am horrified by some things I see happening. Tour companies cover up with travel-speak for the fact that they let their clients out on the slopes in the charge of nice young lads, who are made properly aware of the danger, but not given the local knowledge to deal with it.

"It is not about how many qualification stripes you have on your arm, it is about what you know about where you are. Once someone has an instructor's badge, he ought to pack his rucksack, take a map and spend months touring his chosen resort . . . like a London cabbie has to take 'The Knowledge'."

Ski brochures ought to carry health warnings. After the breathless prose about the thrills of off-piste powder, the words "for experts only" ought to be mandatory. After the blurb about how ski "leaders . . . escorts . . . guides" will show you the slick routes about the place, the caution should run: "but don't ask them to lead off-piste . . . they'll risk the sack, and perhaps prison."

If you decide to abandon the patrolled areas to follow your "guide" into powder, you ought to know what you will be getting into — and that he quite probably does not.

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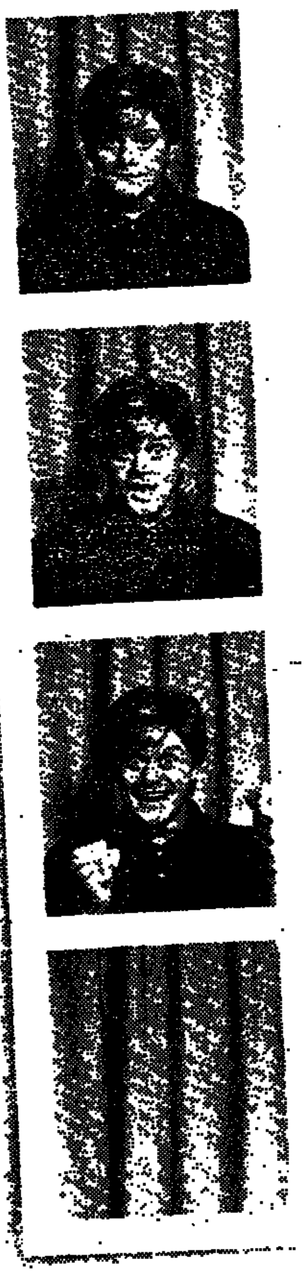

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The Jamaican Prime Minister, Edward Seaga, says the effect of hurricane damage on the tourism industry is only "marginal" in terms of the total number of hotel rooms. But the tourist board is advising visitors to allow another two weeks before travelling to the island, and has set up an information hotline on 01-409 0486.

● **British Rail is marking the start of the new academic year by cutting the price of its popular Young Person's Railcard from £15 to £10 between now and November 5. The card can be bought by anyone between the ages of 16 and 23 and gives discounts of one-third on "Saver" or cheap day return fares.**

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● **Glynn Boyd Harte's *Venice* (Hamish Hamilton, £16.95), published on Monday, is a charming conceit; a fantasy day of sightseeing and excursions, distilling 20 years' knowledge of visits to the city. On every page there are water colours, very fresh and bright. The text, too, is beautifully printed and occasionally witty — reproducing the braying conversation of a group of ghastly English tourists is one example. A frivolous but worthwhile addition to Venice writing.**

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A time of sands

Andrew Sinclair explores the magical sights of the desert kingdom of Jordan, where the past is everywhere present

In Jordan, the ruins of Crusader castles and churches stretch all the way up the King's Highway from Aqaba to Amman. Along its spectacular track through the Great Rift valley, the tribes have migrated and the armies have marched for five thousand years. The beaches on the Red Sea are confined with floating cork cannonballs to keep the bathers safe from the glass-bottomed boats and scuba-divers and water-skiers.

When we were there, Concorde had flown in for the first time, looking like some white pterodactyl and disgorging a hundred British tourists on the trail of Lawrence of Arabia. We take the road up to Lawrence's hide-away in Wadi Rum, which is unearthly, the great gorge with its base of dunes splitting into a wishbone, the red scarps glittering with quartz, their layers melted and congealed, ice-cream follies that have drooped in licks down the lines of rock thrown up by ancient earthquakes.

There is even a waterfall in still pink stone. The desert police at the Beau Geste fort of the outpost are resplendent in long khaki skirts with crossed red bandoliers, a silver dagger stuck across their navels, and a chequered headcloth.

The King's Highway leads on to Petra with its mile-long entry through the vast cleft of the Siq. "You don't have to be an elephant," the American at the bar told me, "never to forget Petra." Choking in a sandstorm of Arab horses' hoofs, then bursting upon the pink-golden Treasury which heralds the inner city; the long walks down rosy gulches and up a thousand rock-hewn steps to the Deir temple and the meeting of the deep-fissured wadis that slice the restless earth for 20 miles towards the painted desert beyond; the search past Bedouin caves where black-robed tattooed women weave goat-hair by hand to the High Place of sacrifice overlooking the gorge of the hidden city: these are the most magical journeys across the crumbled works of mankind. Yes, Petra is a rose-red city half as old as time, but it is also a wild palette of flamboyant colours smeared upon a classical design.

Although there are rest houses at all the major sites, Amman is the place to stay for foraging east to the desert castles, north to the black oasis, and west to the River Jordan and the Dead Sea.

Distances are short with a driver who knows his way. I particularly wanted to reach Umm Jaml, an ancient ruin built in black basalt, abandoned like Petra when the caravan routes passed another way. Its grim acres of dark broken blocks were the end of the world, redeemed only by a vain arch or standing pillar from a tumbled Byzantine church. And there was magic later in the day, when an old Bedouin with a golden sword-stick and silver revolver swept away some sand in the ruins of the Arab castle of Qum Hallabet to reveal two superb mosaics, of an oryx and a partridge.

At Azraq there is a little fort where Lawrence of Arabia slept, but its walls are so low that a pole vaulter could leap them. The touted desert castles on the return to Amman – Amra and Kharaneh – are a disappointment, two little structures with defaced frescos lost behind barbed wire beside the desert highway.

Not so Saladin's great fortress of Ajlun, set on a towering hill that dominates a fertile valley in the north. And at Umm Quais, the scattered rows of the black seats of the Roman theatre and the street of dark columns overlook the Golan Heights as far as Lake Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee, bringing back memories of walking on water, of loaves and fishes feeding multitudes, and of ancient and modern wars.

One lost city lies off the river road. Pella is now being excavated and will rival Jerash as a monument to Roman provincial architecture. Peace and contemplation rule in Pella. There is time to stand and stare, and imagine *past peoples enjoying the sun* and the clear sky, which remain the same for whomsoever stops by there.

Jerash is the other marvel of Jordan, its streets of huge columns stretching down an avenue a mile long, its crescents of pillars and its Roman amphitheatre, where Queen Noor holds the splendid festivals of music, dance and theatre that make the restored ruins spring alive each year.

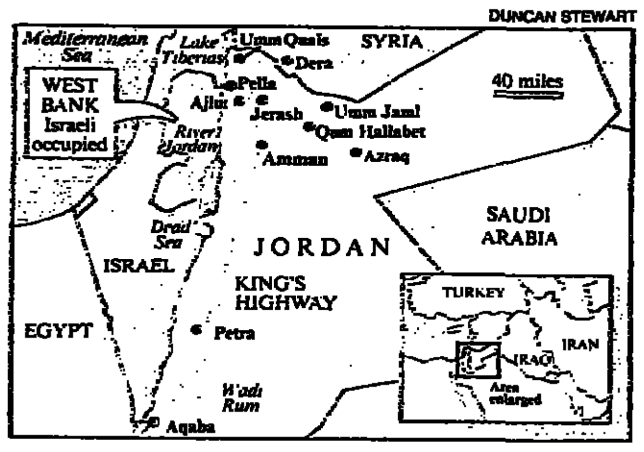
Jordan is a small kingdom no bigger than Britain. Only three million people live there, yet they run a full national service. The airlines and the roads are excellent, the streets are clean, a sense of security and of welcome to the stranger pervades all.

In the last two decades, there have been miracles of transformation by the conscientious King. A poor country has become a modern state without losing its respect for the traditions of the past. The Concorde passengers, indeed, ended by taking the desert railroad – and the last of the steam engines – to Dera, where Lawrence of Arabia met his ambiguous fate at the hands of the local Turkish bey.

Armed horsemen attacked the train with ornamental rifles. They abducted the beautiful hostess. Then they invited the passengers to champagne and chamber music behind the sand dunes, where waiters stood beside a grand piano flown from Amman.

Ancient and modern with a sense of play, a holiday in Jordan will please.

DUNCAN STEWART



TRAVEL NOTES

The best tours of Jordan, which include self-drive holidays, are organized by Jasmin Tours (0753 889577) and Serenissima and Heritage Travel (01-730 9841). Jasmin's nine-day escorted tour taking in Amman, Petra and Aqaba costs *from* £596, inclusive of half board, airport taxes and visa charges. *Particularly* good are the Holiday Inn at Aqaba and the Marriott Hotel in Amman. The Rest Houses at Petra, Karnak and Azraq are good for their standard, but at Petra there is also the Forum Hotel, which is first class.

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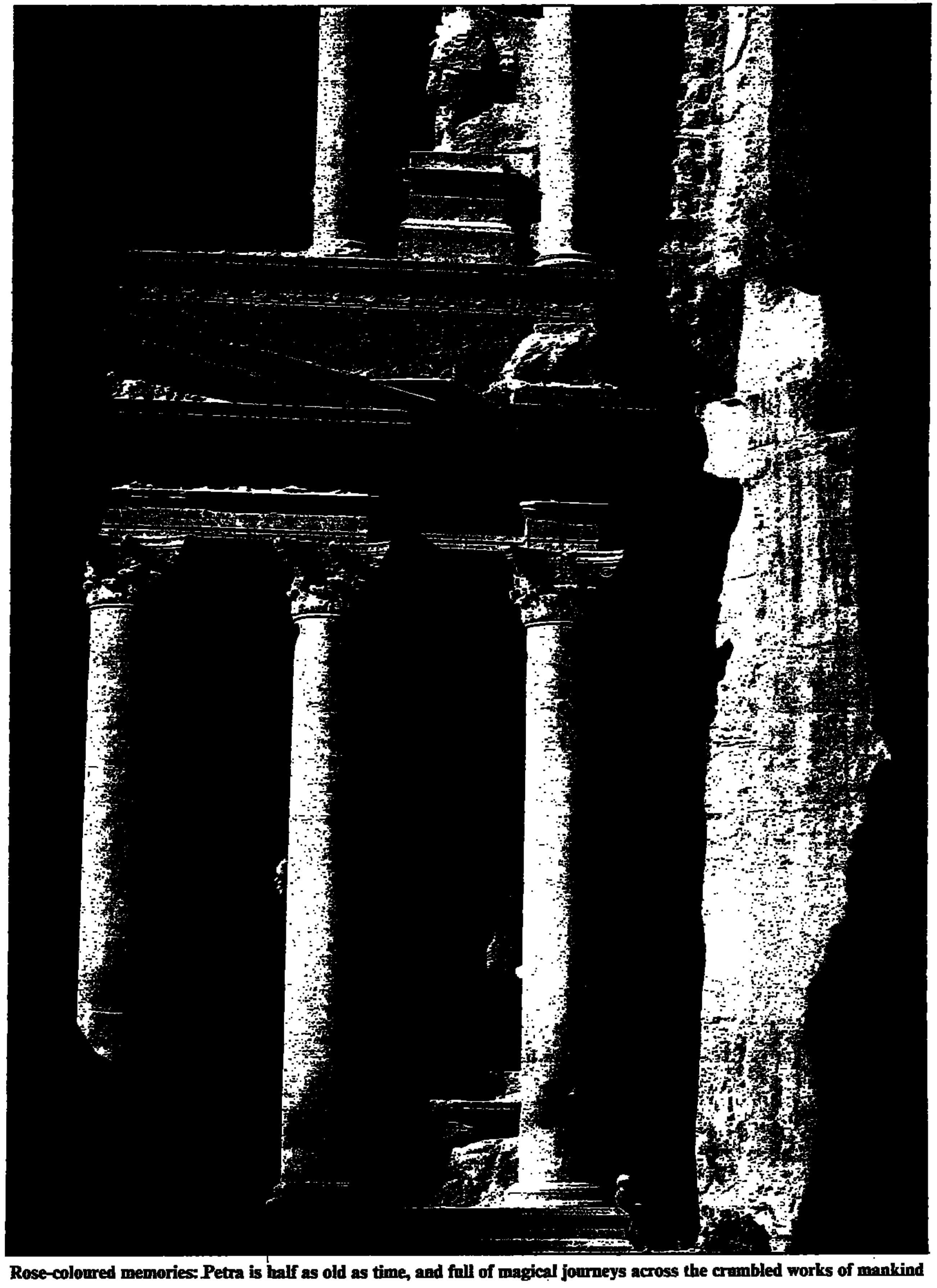

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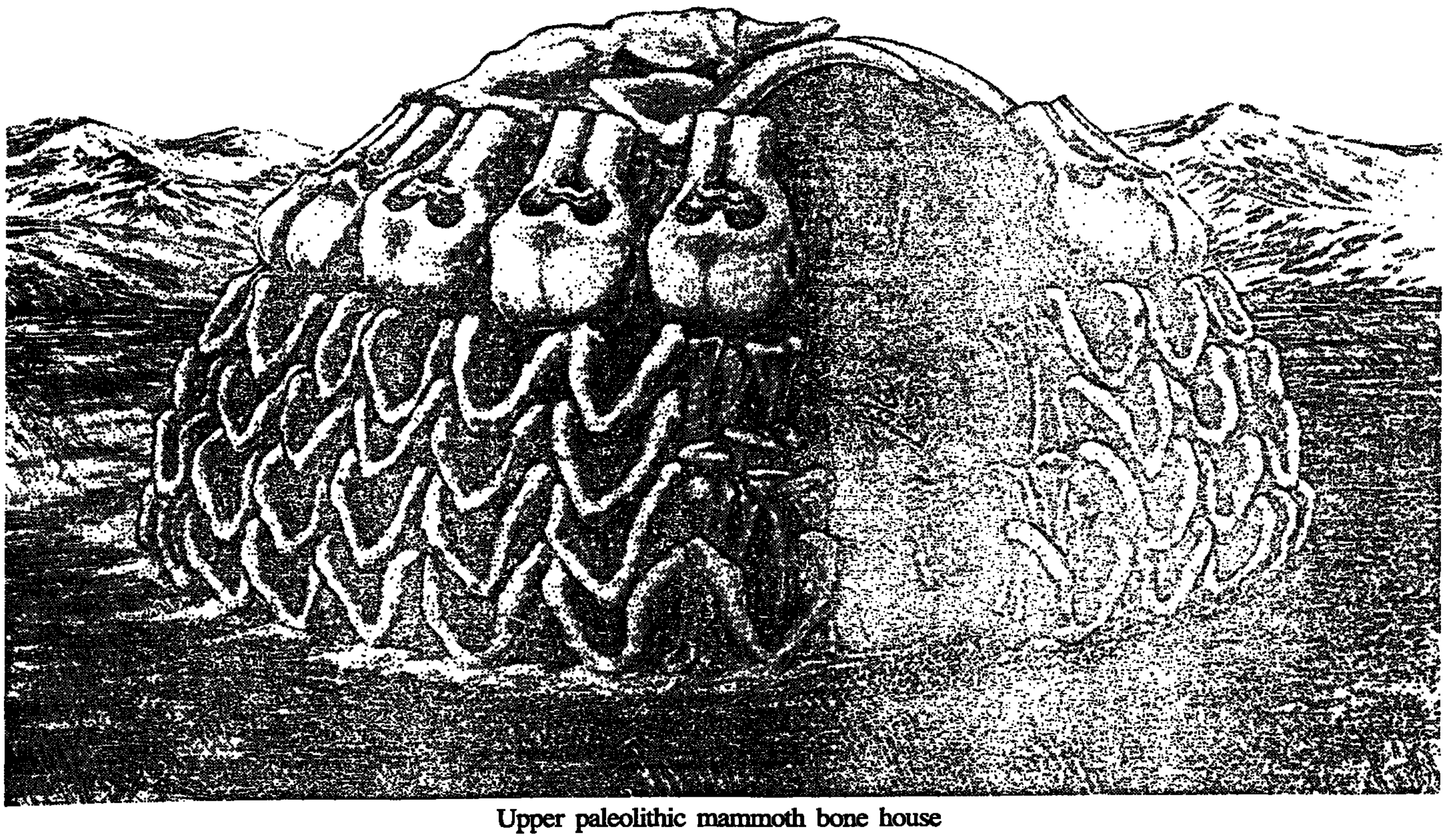

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SATURDAY TELEVISION SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear

Moody and magnificent: Marlon Brando stars as the charismatic leader of a gang who *terrorize a* Californian town in The Wild One, first in tonight's double bill of bike movies (BBC2, 10.15pm)

Going hell for leather

CHOICE

● The bike boys are back, in duplicate. The **Film Club** (BBC2, 10.15pm) teams *The Wild One* (1954) with *The Loveless* (1981). The first gained notoriety by being banned by the British censor until the late Sixties. Now it is available on video with a PG certificate. *The Wild One* came from the stable of Stanley Kramer, a producer celebrated for his determinedly even-handed treatment of social problems. The script was based on a true incident of 1947, when a bike gang terrorized a Californian town. A close reading of the film reveals the intention to balance the destructive aggression of the bike boys with a highly unsympathetic portrayal of the town's inhabitants, who are variously seen as cowardly, brutal and self-serving. What destroys this balance is Marlon Brando's gang leader, who for all his taciturnity is a charismatic figure who emerges as a wronged hero. The objection to the film was not so much its violence but the way the audience was invited to identify with the Brando character. *The Loveless* was co-directed by two young independent film-makers, Kathryn Bigelow and Monty Montgomery, as a homage to the genre which films like *The Wild One* created. Again we are in the 1950s but it is a 1980s construction, a self-conscious celebration of leather, chrome and brilliant red lipstick. The star was Willem Dafoe, currently to be seen as Martin Scorsese's Jesus Christ.

● Winston Churchill is said to have hated television, but from the available evidence he would probably have been rather good at it. Attlee was too laconic and Eden too vain. The first PM to master it was that great showman, Harold Macmillan. But as politicians learned to handle the medium, the interviewing got tougher. The tension has continued ever since and it is entertainingly charted by Michael Cockerell in **Television and Number 10** (BBC2, 5.40pm), the first of two films having a deserved second showing.

Peter Waymark

King of cartoons: Famous for his story-telling talents, Walt Disney reads Alice in Wonderland to *one of his most popular comic strip characters,* Donald Duck (South Bank Show: ITV, 9.45pm)

Wonderful world of Walt

CHOICE

● Sixty years after the first screen appearance of Mickey Mouse, **The South Bank Show** (ITV, 9.45pm) considers the art, the life and the legacy of his creator, Walt Disney. It makes clear that the genius of Disney lay not in animation (he employed armies of people to do that) but in acting and story-telling. As preparation for *Snow White*, Disney gathered his staff around him and told them the plot from start to finish, giving a rounded portrayal of each of the characters. Some thought Disney's performance better than the finished film. His first outline of *Pinocchio* was as a bedside story to cheer up his sick nephew. The boy, now the company's vice-chairman, recalls lying there "absolutely hypnotized". Since the boss held the whole thing in his head, the cartoons were made without scripts. This created a problem after Disney's death and the studio had to revert to more orthodox methods. The Disney films may have ended up as art but they were created in factory conditions. It took 7,000 drawings to make a five-minute cartoon; a feature like *Bambi* needed 2½ million. Always ahead of the field, Disney produced the first cartoon talkie, the first cartoon in colour and the first cartoon feature. After the war he defied the advice of those around him and successfully diversified into television and theme parks. His personal traits were less admirable. Fiercely anti-Communist, he reacted petulantly to a strike at the studio in 1941 and later supported the McCarthy witch-hunt. He was so determined to head off rivalry that he kept his brother Roy, the company's financial brains, firmly in the shadows, and told one of his animators: "If you want to be famous, get out and go somewhere else." Disney died of cancer in 1966. His tradition lives on in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, an American smash hit due to be released here for Christmas, which has the real Bob Hoskins trying not to be upstaged by a cartoon animal.

P.W.

BBC1

6.30 **Olympic Breakfast Time** with Steve Rider. Day eight of the Games *includes the second round* of the men's 800m, the 400m hurdles semifinals, the *final event of the heptathlon* and Great Britain's men's hockey team in action. *News and weather are at* **7.00** and **8.00.**

9.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.

9.05 *Olympic Grandstand* introduced by Desmond Lynam. The timetable is (subject to alteration): **9.10, 2.45** and **4.00 Olympics:** including a recording of the men's 100m final, the triple jump final and the men's gymnastics apparatus finals. At **11.00** the start of six swimming finals; **1.55, 2.30, 3.05** and **4.20 Racing from Ascot and the Curragh:** the Brent Walker Stakes (2.00); the Hoover Fillies' Mile (2.35); the Tote Festival Handicap (3.10); *Queen Elizabeth II* Stakes (3.50); the Krug Diadem Stakes (4.25); and from the Curragh, the *Jefferson Smurfit* Memorial Irish St Leger (3.35); **2.10 Rallying:** the *Tudor Webasto Manx Rally;* **4.35** Final Score. News summary at **1.15.**

5.00 *News with Moira Stuart.* Weather **5.10** Regional news/Sport.

5.15 *The Flying* **Doctors.** Drama series about Australia's Flying Doctor service. (Ceefax)

6.00 *The* **Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow.** The guests include Scottish comedian Craig Ferguson; T'Pau; and Clarence and Joy Pickles.

6.45 **'Allo 'Allo!** René and Leclerc finally crack the safe in Gruber's bedroom but instead of finding the German plans to invade England they discover two paintings. (Ceefax)

7.10 **Bob's Full House.** Bingo quiz show. (Ceefax)

7.45 **The Russ Abbot Show.** Comedy *sketches and* music. (Ceefax)

8.15 **All Creatures** *Great* **and** *Small.* This week James is joined by an old schoolfriend who has come *from* London to help celebrate the Herriots' wedding anniversary. (Ceefax)

9.05 *News and Sport.* With Moira Stuart. Weather.

9.20 **Film: The Mean Season** (1985) starring Kurt Russell and Mariel Hemingway. Drama about a newspaper reporter on the case of a young girl murdered in Miami who receives a telephone call from a man claiming to be the killer warning that there are more deaths to come. The reporter and the police begin a desperate chase to track down the man before he strikes again. Directed by Phillip Borsos. (Ceefax)

11.00 **The Odd Couple.** Comedy about an ill-assorted pair of room-mates — *one a fastidiously tidy* person, the other something of an inveterate slob. *Starring Tony Randall and* Jack Klugman. Followed by Weather.

11.25 *Olympic Grandstand* presented by Steve Rider. The timetable is (subject to alteration): **12.00** *Hockey;* **1.00am** Rowing/swimming/diving/ athletics; **3.00** Athletics. Ends at **6.30.**

BBC2

6.25 **Open University:** Instruments Under Wraps **6.50** Talking Turtle: Computers in the Classroom **7.40** Mecanical Design in Lifts **8.05** Warfare and Welfare **8.30** Geology: Britain Before Man **8.55** Physics of White Dwarf Stars **9.20** Budgeting for Europe's Jobless **9.45** Biology, Brain and Behaviour **10.10** The *Novel and* Television (2) **10.35** The Piazza della Signoria **11.00** Attitudes — the Second *Handicap* **11.25** Music: Instrumentation **11.50** Education: Open Skies, Grass Roots (2) **12.15** *Maths: Energy* Through the Window **12.40** The Hole Design Story **1.05** *The Changing Countryside* **1.30** Modern Art: Duchamp **1.55** Oil — Where from *Next?* **2.20** *Introductory* Electronics **2.45** Head Start: Children of the Dream.

3.10 *Network East.* A new series of the magazine programme presented by Shanaz Pakravan, Sudha Kumari and Fatima Salaria. Writer Salman Rushdie talks about his work and reads from his latest book *Satanic Verses;* and there is a special report on the increasing incidence of gang warfare among Asian youths in the Birmingham area.

3.50 **Film: The Four Feathers** (1939, b/w) starring John Clements and *Ralph Richardson.* R. C. Sheriff's classic tale of bravery under the Egyptian sun. *Directed by Zoltan Korda.*

5.40 **Television and Number 10** (r). (see Choice)

6.40 **NewsView and** *Weather.*

7.20 **Leonard Bernstein's 70th Birthday Gala** *introduced by Beverly Sills. A concert recorded* at Tanglewood, Massachusetts, the summer *home of the* Boston Symphony Orchestra. The gala celebrates Bernstein's work as a *conductor* with performances of Haydn and Tchaikovsky by the Boston Symphony Orchestra; his role as a musical stage composer with excerpts from *West Side Story, Wonderful Town* and *On the Town;* his work as a symphonic composer with material from *Candide* and *Songfest;* and his contribution to cinema with incidental music from *On the Waterfront.* Among those taking part are Michael Tilson Thomas, *Lauren Bacall, Victor* Borge, Mstislav Rostropovitch, Isaac Stern and Yo Yo Ma.

9.05 **Rhythms of the World: World Beat II.** *Programme two of Arena's* 10-part series features 16 different performances ranging *from* South Africa to Cuba and China beginning with Touré Kunda from Senegal performing *Salya;* King Sunny Ade from Nigeria with *The Message;* Tammy Wynette, Jimmy Shand and Blind John Davis who performs the Chicago blues number *No Mail Today.*

10.15 **The Film Club** presented by Neil Norman begins with The Wild One (1954, b/w). (see Choice)

11.35 **Film: The Loveless** (1981). (see Choice). Ends at **1.10am.**

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6.00 TV-am *begins with a natural history film;* **6.30** **Saturday Sport** presented by Geoff Clark; **7.30** **Summer WAC**

9.25 **She-Ra Princess of Power.** Animated adventure *series* **9.50** *Motormouth* includes a report on the use of drugs in sport.

11.30 *Olympics 1988* presented by Dickie Davies and Hazel Irvine. Includes live coverage of six *swimming* finals; a recording of the men's 100m final; highlights of the men's gymnastics final, four cycling finals, the Britain v USSR men's hockey match, tennis and table tennis.

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter **1.05** **LWT News** followed by **Saint & Greavsie.**

1.35 **Film: Battle Cry** (1954) starring Van Heflin. Second World War drama *about the training of* a group of US Marines for the invasion of Saipan. With Aldo Ray, *Nancy Olson,* Tab Hunter and Dorothy Malone. Directed by Raoul Walsh.

4.15 **Olympics 1988.** Highlights of day eight's *competitions.*

4.45 **Results Service.**

5.00 News **5.10** *LWT* **News** and weather followed by Olympics 1988. Day eight highlights continued

5.45 **New** *Faces* **of '88.** Talent show presented by Marti Caine in which the viewers decide on who goes on to the final. The non-voting judges are entertainer Peter Skellern; TV critic Nina Myskow; and theatrical agent Michael Vine.

6.45 **Square Deal.** Comedy series about a trendy couple living in an up-and-coming London square. Nigel uses his estate agent contacts to persuade the local surveyor to give an unfavourable *structural report on* Emma's market cafe she plans to turn into a high-class restaurant.

7.15 **Blind Date.** Lonely hearts game

8.00 *Film: Duel (1971) starring* Dennis Weaver. Thriller about a man driving a rented car on a *lonely stretch of highway* who has trouble overtaking a petrol tanker. When he eventually *does* the tanker gives chase and a chilling race begins. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

9.45 News and sport **10.00 LWT Weather.**

10.05 **Aspel & Company.** Tonight's guests are Julie Christie, Terry Jones and Barry Norman

10.50 **Film: Under Fire** (1982) starring Nick Nolte, Gene Hackman, Joanna Cassidy and Ed Harris. Drama about war correspondents in *Nicaragua* who become embroiled with both sides of a civil conflict. Directed by *Roger Spottiswoode.*

1.00 **Night Network** includes guests Jermaine Stewart and Colin *Vearncombe; and Emma* Freud pillow talking to Edinburgh Festival hit *Jeremy Hardy.*

4.00 **The Hit Man and Her.** Disco news and dance *music presented* by Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan.

5.00 ITN *Morning* **News.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

7.00 **Olympics 1988.** Highlights of the overnight action including the men's 100m final. Live coverage includes the semifinal of the men's 400m hurdles.

9.30 **Listening Eye** (r). **10.00** **4 What It's Worth** (r).

10.30 **Film: Girl Crazy** (1943, *b/w) starring Mickey* Rooney and Judy Garland. Musical comedy about a girl-mad *college boy who is banished to* an all-male educational establishment where he *falls for the dean's niece. Directed by* Norman Taurog.

12.20 *Film: Sure Cures* (1946, b/w) starring Dave O'Brien as a man trying traditional cures for *minor maladies.* Directed by David Barclay

12.30 **Empress Wu.** Episode 48 (of 65).

1.00 *In Search of* **"Wonderful Things".** A Czechoslovak Television production tracing the history of Egyptology.

2.00 **Film: The Gentle Sex** (1943, b/w) starring Joan Gates, Jean Gillie, Joan Greenwood and Rosamund John. Second World War drama following a group of ATS recruits as they train and then see action. *Directed by Leslie Howard.*

3.45 **Film: Tonight We Raid Calais** (1943, b/w) starring John Sutton and Lee J. *Cobb. Drama* about a British commando who is sent to France on a *mission to locate and light up a* munitions plant in preparation for a bombing *raid by the RAF. Directed by John Brahm*

5.05 **Brookside.** Omnibus edition (r). (Oracle)

6.00 *Right To Reply presented* by Linda Agran. Clive Stafford Clark defends his BBC programme *The Journey* against accusations that it was "trial by television"; and Isle of Skye viewers complain about C4's series on Gaelic Scots *The Blood Is Strong*

6.30 **Can Do.** A video version of the Church of England's controversial report, Faith in the City.

7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **Brown Sugar.** This fourth and final programme *in* the series on the United States's black female entertainers features stars *from* the 1960s to the present day. Among those appearing are *Aretha Franklin, the Ronettes, the Supremes,* the Pointer Sisters and Donna Summer.

8.00 *The World At Your Feet. This fourth* of five documentaries on wilderness trails around the *world features the Milford* Track — a 54km trek through the Fiordland National Park in New *Zealand*'s South Island. (Oracle)

9.00 **Film: Child of Love** (1988) starring Delyth Wyn and Jon Soresi. A tug-of-love drama set in a small town in South-west Wales. Directed by Peter Jefferies.

10.50 **Just For Laughs.** The last programme of acts from the Montreal Comedy Festival (r).

11.20 **Olympics 1988.** Includes *live* coverage of *five* finals — the men's javelin, high jump and 400 metres hurdles; and the *women's 100 and* 3,000 metres. Ends at **7.00am.**

BBC1 **WALES: 5.10pm-5.15** Wales on Saturday **SCOTLAND: 5.10pm-5.15** Scottish *News and Sport* **9.20** *Monty* Python's Flying Circus **9.50-11.00** Sportscene **NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.50-5.00** Northern Ireland Results **5.10-5.15** Inside Ulster Newsline **ENGLAND: 5.10pm-5.15** London: Sport; Other Regions: News and Sport

ANGLIA As London except:**1.35pm-4.15** Film: Sundowners **1.00am** *Hit Man and Her* **2.00-4.00** *Night Network.*

BORDER As London except:**1.00am** Hit Man and Her **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

CENTRAL As London except:**1.00am** Prisoner Cell Block H **2.00** Film: Island of Terror **3.38** *Superbouts* **4.30-5.00** America's Top 10.

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CHANNEL As London except:**1.00am** Randall and Hopkirk **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Survival **4.35-5.00** America's Top 10.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**8.00pm-9.45** Film: Smile *Jenny, You're Dead* **1.00am-2.00** Hit Man and Her.

GRANADA As London except:**1.00am** Hit Man and Her *2.00-4.00 Night Network.*

HTV WEST As London except:**1.00am** Throb **1.30** *Married* with Children **2.00** Night Network **4.00** America's Top 10 **4.30-5.00** *Invitation to Remember.*

HTV WALES As HTV West except:No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except:**1.00am** Hit Man and Her **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

TSW *As London except:***1.35pm-4.15** Film: Sundowners **5.05-5.45** Newsport **1.00am** Hit Man and Her **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

TVS As London except:**1.00am** *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)* **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Survival **4.35-5.00** America's Top 10.

TYNE TEES As London except:**1.00am** *Hit Man and Her* **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

ULSTER *As London except:***1.00am** Through the Night **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**1.00am** Through the Night **2.00-4.00** Night Network

S4C Starts:**9.05am** Right Talk **9.45** Years Ahead **10.30** Village Show **11.00** 4 What's It's Worth **11.30** March of Time **12.00** *Teesra Kinara* **12.30pm** *The Stars* **1.00** Film: Devil's Brother **2.35** Film: Reach for the Sky' **5.05** Brookside **6.00** Right to Reply **6.30** Pieced Pictures **7.00** Carreg Ateb **7.30** News **7.40** Maes Cwarae **8.30** Noson Lawen **9.35** Resto **10.05** *True Stories* **11.20** *Olympics.*

RTE 1 Starts:**11.15am** *Cartoon* **11.30** Batman **12.00** Hardy Boys Mysteries **12.50pm** Sports Stadium **5.05** Henderson Rides **6.00** News **6.15** Cartoon **6.30** Muppet Show **7.00** Seoul '88 **9.00** News **9.15** Jack and *Mike* **10.10** *Film: Odd Couple* **12.05am** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:**Through the Night, Seoul '88** 10.00am *Closedown* 5.20pm **Film: Green Dolphin** 8.00 **Nuacht** 8.05 **The Forum Presents** 9.00 **Treasures from the Past** 10.15 **Streets of San Francisco** 11.00 **Until 10.00am Sunday Seoul '88.**

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6.30 **Olympic Breakfast Time** introduced by Steve *Rider. Highlights of the overnight action.* With **news headlines and weather at 7.00 and 8.00.**

8.55 **Play School** presented by Sheelagh Gilbey (r).

9.15 **Harvest Festival** service from Bolton Abbey.

10.15 **Olympic Grandstand.** Live coverage of six swimming finals — the men's 200m individual medley; women's 200m butterfly; women's 50m freestyle; men's 1,500 freestyle; women's 200m backstroke and the men's 4x100m medley relay. Plus the final of the women's springboard diving.

1.00 **News** with *Moira Stuart followed by* **On the Record** includes an interview with Paddy Ashdown, *the Social and Liberal Democrats* leader, on the eve of the new party's first *conference.*

2.00 **EastEnders.** Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 *Film: Stagecoach* (1939, b/w) starring John Wayne, Claire Trevor and Thomas Mitchell. Classic western about the ill-assorted passengers on a stagecoach journey through Apache country. Directed by John Ford.

4.30 **What a Carry On!** (r).

5.00 **Scruples.** Moral dilemma game.

5.30 **The Clothes Show.** This first of a new series

5.55 **The Franchise Affair.** Episode one of a new six-part drama serial about a *15-year-old girl who* goes missing for a month. When she turns up in a distressed state she *claims she was abducted* by an elderly lady and her daughter who recently *moved in to a nearby country house.* Starring Patrick Malahide, Joanna McCallum, *Rosalie Crutchley and* Kate Emma-Davies. (Ceefax)

6.25 *News with Moira Stuart.* Weather.

6.40 **Songs of Praise** for harvest festival from the Glasgow International Garden Festival. (Ceefax)

7.15 **First of the Summer Wine.** Young Compo with Seymour, Sherbet, Wally and Compo, set out to find Mr Scrimshaw's hidden cache of snuff. (Ceefax)

7.45 **Howards' Way.** Avril and Charles, now recovered from the accident, seem *to be drifting* apart. (Ceefax)

8.35 **Bread.** Comedy series. *(Ceefax)*

9.05 **Sunday Premiere: The Most Dangerous Man in the World** *starring Martin Shaw and* Ian Sears. A speculative drama about the story behind the *May 1981 plot to kill the Pope.* (Ceefax)

10.45 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather.

11.00 *Everyman: They Shall Take Up Serpents.* A documentary about a West Virginia Protestant *sect who* handle poisonous snakes during their services (r).

11.40 **Olympic Grandstand** introduced by Steve Rider. The timetable is (subject to alteration): **12.00** Canoeing/boxing/hockey **1.30am** Athletics **3.00** Cycling **3.30** Athletics. Ends at **6.30.**

BBC2

6.50 **Open University:** Animal Physiology — Natural Navigators **7.15** Maths: Finding One's Bearings **7.40** Handicapped in the *Community* **8.05** Instruments Under Wraps **8.30** Physics of White Dwarf Stars **8.55** *Images: Albert* Crewe's Atom **9.20** Social Science: Competing Theories? **9.45** *The Molbury Road Set* **10.10** Mechanical Designs in Lifts **10.35** Maths: *Modelling Pollution* **11.00** *Open Forum* **11.25** Science Foundation Course **11.50** Maths *Methods: Fourier Analysis* **12.15** Biology: Form and Function **12.40** Colliding Continents.

1.05 *Sign Extra.* Robert Kilroy-Silk discusses the problems of debt with a studio audience. *Adapted for the hearing impaired.*

1.30 **Country File.** Eddie Matthews talks about the growing Anglicization of Welsh culture; Anne Brown investigates a new community scheme for residents of large Clydebank housing estates. **1.55** **Weather**

2.00 **Olympic Grandstand** introduced by Desmond Lynam. The timetable is (*subject to alteration*): **2.05** and **4.15** **Olympics:** highlights of the ninth day's action *which included five track and field* finals, six in the pool, seven rowing finals, the *women's springboard diving final, weightlifting,* judo, dressage finals, women's gymnastics *apparatus finals, yachting,* boxing and hockey; **2.25** **Motor Racing:** the Portuguese Grand Prix

6.30 **Breast of Peacock. . .Apple Pie.** A documentary tracing the chequered history of Leonard Bernstein's *Candide.*

7.15 **The Natural World: Beyond Timbuktu.** A documentary made in Mali by award-winning wildlife artist Bruce Pearson who travelled with nomadic tribesmen, farmers, fishermen and wildlife to the autumn *wetlands created* annually by the River Niger bursting its banks.

8.05 **Rhythms of the** *World: Africa Meets the Blues.* The work of two guitarists. American John Lee *Hooker* and *Ali Farka Toure from Mali.*

9.05 **The Duty Men.** The final part of the award-*winning series focuses on* the crew of the Customs craft *Seeker* which is in the western *approaches waiting* to intercept a ship carrying tons of cannabis. (Ceefax)

9.55 *Film:* **1941** (1979) starring Dan Aykroyd, Ned Beatty and John Belushi. A comedy, set at the time after the attack on Pearl Harbor, about a Japanese submarine that surfaces off the California coast and causes panic in Los Angeles. Directed by Steven Spielberg.

11.50 **Grand Prix.** Highlights of this afternoon's Portuguese Grand Prix in *Estoril.*

12.20am **Rockin' Ronnie.** The story of Ronald Reagan's career *shown through film clips.*

12.50 **Newsnight Special: The Presidential Debates.** *The first of the presidential* debates between George Bush and Michael Dukakis. Ends at *approximately* **2.40.**

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6.00 *TV-am begins with a natural history film.*

8.00 **David Frost on Sunday** includes news at **8.00** *and* **9.00.**

9.25 **Motormouth on Sunday** examines wealth.

10.00 *Morning* **Worship** from Worthing Baptist Church.

11.00 **Olympics 1988.** Live coverage of six swimming finals; plus highlights of the overnight action which included five athletics finals.

1.00 **LWT News** and weather **1.05** **Cartoon Time** **1.15** **The Smurfs**

1.40 **Link** explains who is eligible for a mobility allowance and how it can be obtained.

2.00 **The Human** *Factor:* **Herod Wears a Red Star.** A documentary highlighting the strong ties between the *Roman Catholic Church in Poland* and the Solidarity movement

2.30 *Film: The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams* (1974) starring Dan Haggerty. Adventures of a *mid-19th century fur trapper.* Directed by Richard Friedenberg

4.00 *Olympics 1988.* Highlights

5.00 **Benson.** American comedy series.

5.30 **The Good Life Guide.** An exploration of the role of the corporate wife

6.00 **Bullseye.** Darts and general knowledge game

6.30 **News** with Sue Carpenter **6.35** **LWT News** and weather

6.40 **Appeal.** Jack Ashley MP makes an *appeal* on behalf of the Hearing Research Trust.

6.45 **Highway.** Sir *Harry Secombe* visits the Pestalozzi International Children's Village.

7.15 *Concentration. Game show*

7.45 **Film: The Dirty Dozen: The Deadly Mission** *(1987) starring Telly Savalas.* A made-for-television adventure about a major who is *threatened* with a court martial unless he rescues six scientists who have been forced into developing a deadly gas that might change the course of the Second World War. Directed by Lee H. Katzin. (Oracle)

9.25 **Piece of Cake Preview.** (Oracle)

9.30 **News** **9.40** **LWT Weather**

9.45 **The South Bank Show: The Art of Walt Disney.** (see Choice)

11.45 **The** *Making* **of** *Modern* **London.** *The office-*building boom of the 1950s (r).

12.15am *Film: Lawman (1970) starring* Burt Lancaster. Western adventure about a marshal *who is on the trail of a* group of drunken cowboys who accidentally killed an old man. *Directed by Michael Winner.*

2.00 **The Other Side of Midnight.** Includes guests Tony Benn, Ken Campbell and Jenny Diski; and a comparison of the BBC's and ITV's Olympic coverage.

2.30 **Pick of the Week.** Highlights from ITV regions' output

3.00 **Indy-Cart Racing.** The *Marlboro 500.*

5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00.**

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7.00 **Olympics 1988.** Highlights and live coverage of the ninth day's events. Introduced by Nick Owen and Alison Holloway

9.25 **Teesra Kinara.** Episode *25 of the 26-part* Pakistani drama serial **9.50** **Settlers' Tales.** Cameo portraits of *first generation Asian* immigrants.

10.00 **Strangers Abroad.** *This final programme in the* documentary series about celebrated *anthropologists focuses on Sir Edward Evans-*Pritchard and his work among the Azande and *Nuer people of Zaire* and Sudan *(r).*

11.00 **Network 7** includes guest Meatloaf; a fashion *item from Majorca;* a screening of the *Just 17* advertisement shown being made on last week's programme; and a new regular item Film on 7, two one-minute films made by London International Film School students

1.00 **Cervantes.** A film biography of the great Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes, following the path he took across the Sierras of *Andalucia to the* plains of La Mancha, through the ancient cities of Castile and Aragon.

1.35 **Film: The Eddy Duchin Story** (1955, b/w) *starring Tyrone Power and Kim Novak.* A biography of the acclaimed American *pianist/bandleader of the* 1920s and 1930s who began his working career as a pharmacist. *Directed by George Sidney.*

3.55 **The Cry of Reason.** A documentary portrait of Beyers Naude, a former member of the Broederbond and the Afrikaner power elite, who converted to the cause of the black South Africans following the Sharpeville massacre.

4.55 **News** summary and weather

5.00 **The Good, the Bad and the Indefensible.** The second of three programmes examining the biological effects of *electromagnetism on man* and other animals (r).

6.00 **American Football.** *The featured game* is the Buffalo Bills at the New England Patriots.

7.15 *Equinox: Road Test. A documentary* examining the latest developments in road design and *traffic engineering.* (Oracle)

8.15 **Campaign!** An analysis of the relationship between television and the American presidential elections. Among those interviewed are Walter Cronkite, Jimmy Carter and the media advisers to both this year's candidates. Co-written and presented by Harold Evans.

10.15 **26 Bathrooms.** Film-maker Peter Greenaway's guide to the art of *taking a bath (r).*

10.50 **The 1988 BFI Awards.** Highlights of tonight's ceremony *at the National Film Theatre* presented by Iain Johnstone.

11.30 *Olympics 1988. Includes live coverage* of the men's 800m final at **4.40am**; at **6.00** the *women's javelin final;* and at **6.30** the men's 110m hurdles. Ends at **7.00.**

BBC1 **SCOTLAND: 4.30** Cartoon **4.35** The Clothes Show **5.00** *Rugby Special* **5.25-5.55** The Beechgrove Garden **NORTHERN IRELAND: 3.00pm** Belfast Championship Dog Show **3.50** Cartoon **4.00** Finbar Nolan **4.40** As I Roved Out **5.05** An Apple a Day **5.30-5.55** *The Video Picture Show*

ANGLIA As London except:**1.00pm** Link **1.15** The Vet **1.20** *News* **1.30-2.00** Farming Diary **5.00-6.00** World of Magic **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.40am** Married With Children **1.10** Other Side of Midnight **1.40** Matlock **2.40-3.00** Twilight Zone

BORDER As London except:**1.00** Farming *Outlook* **1.30** News **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00** Mr and Mrs **5.30-6.00** *Survival* **11.45** *Prisoner* Cell Block H **12.45am** Other Side Of Midnight **1.15** Donahue **2.10** Film: My Cousin Rachel **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except:**1.00** News **1.05** Gardening Time **1.15** Link **1.30-2.00** Here and Now **5.00-6.00** *Highway to Heaven* **11.45** *Prisoner* Cell Block H **12.45am** Film: Deadly Game **2.30** Pick of the Week **3.00** Hit Man and Her **4.00** Other Side of Midnight **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**1.00** Reflections **1.05** Link. **1.25-2.00** Les Français Chez Vous **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Film Triple Echo *1.30am Other Side of* Midnight **2.00** Film: Goldwyn Follies **4.05** Coast to Coast People **4.35-5.00** *Island Life*

GRAMPIAN As London except:**10.00am** America's Top 10 **10.30-11.00** For the Honor of Their Country **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.35** Cartoon **1.45-2.00** *Link* **2.30** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** Survival **5.00-6.00** Scotsport **11.45** *Prisoner Cell Block H* **12.45** *Other* Side of Midnight **1.15** Donahue **2.10** Film: My Cousin Rachel **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except:**1.00** Members Only **1.05** This Is Your Right **1.35** Aap Kaa Hak **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.45am** Other Side of *Midnight* **1.15** *Donahue* **2.10** *Film:* My Cousin Rachel **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

HTV WEST As *London except:***1.00pm** News **1.05** West Country Farming **1.35** Cartoon **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Donahue **12.45am** Other Side of Midnight **1.15** Film: *Rip-Off* **3.15** *American Century* **4.15** Pick of the Week **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

SCOTTISH *As London except:***10.00am-11.00** War of the Monster Trucks **1.00pm** Jacksons **1.30** Canadian Documentary **1.40** Link **2.00** Personal View **2.30** Fall Guy **3.30-4.00** Family Fortunes **5.00-6.00** *Scotsport* **11.45** *Charlies* Angels **12.45am** Other Side of Midnight **1.15** Donahue **2.10** Film: *Xanadu* **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TSW As London except:**1.00pm** Farming Diary **1.30** Out of Limits **1.40-2.00** Link **5.00** Horse Sense **5.10-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Kojak **12.45am** *Other Side of Midnight* **1.15** Donahue **2.10** Film: My Cousin Rachel **4.00-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As *London except:***1.00pm** *News* **1.05** Link **1.25-2.00** Action' **5.00-6.00** **Highway to Heaven** 11.45 **Film: Triple Echo** 1.25am **Other Side of Midnight** 1.55 **Film: Goldwyn Follies** 4.05 **Coast to Coast** ***People*** 4.35-5.00 ***Island* Life.**

TYNE TEES As London except:**1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** News **1.35** Link **1.50-2.00** Hullo Sunday **5.00** Mr Merlin **5.30-6.00** Northern Country **11.45** Crazy Like a Fox **12.45am** Other Side of *Midnight* **1.15** *Donahue* **2.10** *Film: My* Cousin Rachel **4.00-5.00** Night Beat

ULSTER *As London except:***1.00pm** News **1.05** Time Was . **1.15** Question Is **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00-6.00** Highway to Heaven **11.45** Sports Results **11.50** Journey to the Unknown **12.45am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**1.00pm** News **1.10** Link **1.25-2.00** Farming Diary **5.00-6.00** Fall Guy **11.45** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.15am** Pop Concert **2.30** Pick of the Week **3.00** Other Side of Midnight **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** *Jobfinder.*

S4C Starts:**9.15am** Haloc **10.00** Strangers Abroad **11.00** Network 7 **1.00pm** *World at Your Feet* **2.00** *Film: Song of* Russia **5.00** Equinox **6.00** American Football **7.15** Sam Tan **7.25** *News* **7.30** Canwn, Moliannwn **8.00** Mission **8.45** Dechrau Canu **9.15** Hel Straeon **9.45** Perorin ar Lwyfan Awr **10.30** Three Stooges **10.50** BFI Awards **11.20** Olympics

RTE 1 Starts:**12.10pm** Service **1.00pm** Animal Conference **2.15** Film: Sammy's Super T-Shirt **3.15** Film: Tale of Two Cities **6.00** News **6.15** Cartoon **6.30** *The Cavanaughs* **7.00** Seoul 88 **9.00** News **9.20** Film: Tootsie **11.30** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:**Through the night Seoul 88** *10.00am* Closedown **2.00pm** Sunday Opera **5.05** Celebration **6.00** *Film: The Lady Says No* **7.30** Arthur C Clarke **8.00** Nuacht **8.05** Sea of Faith **9.55** BB King and Friends **10.05** Masterworks **10.15** Sunday Game **11.00-10.00am** Seoul 88.

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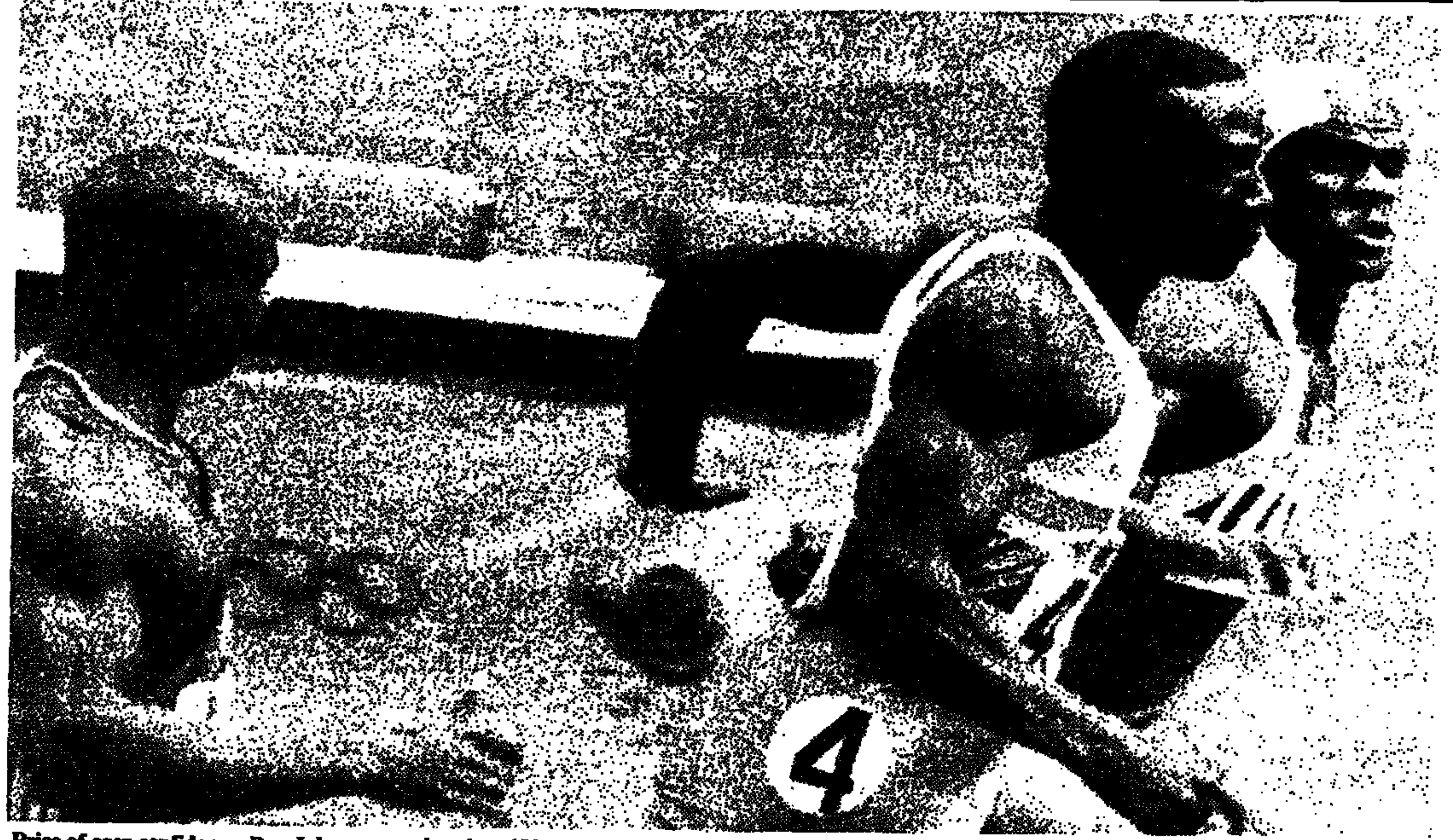
Christie boosts his chances of a sprint medal



Price of over-confidence: Ben Johnson eased up in a 100 metres heat and was passed by Linford Christie (centre) and the American Dennis Mitchell

Johnson finds it tough to qualify

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Seoul

John Regis can reasonably feel that he was one of the first victims of the chaos in the athletic stadium on the first day of competition here yesterday. Athletes were *kept in* call-up rooms for half-an-hour, then not permitted to have a few warm-up strides prior to their races.

Carl Lewis criticised the standard of starting, saying *that the gun was being fired* before people were ready. And *Regis had the additional* problem of slipping blocks. But he was also baulked by Pedro Agostinho, falling out of the adjacent lane.

In the ensuing mayhem, Regis failed to catch up with the pack in his heat, and was eliminated in the first round of the 100 metres, finishing fourth, when only the first three qualified. Barrington Williams at *least got as far as the second round.*

Lewis himself made sure of getting through to the second day, as did Linford Christie. *But Ben Johnson eased up too* much in his second round, and only got through as a fastest loser. Johnson implied that he was fooling around. But he is *not known* as a joker. *That is a* role Said Aouita has expropriated. After raising the possibility of running the 800, 1,500 and 5,000 *metres,* Aouita then maintained that he only intended to run one lap of the 800 metres, and then pull out, due to an injury that he got two days ago.

"But the track was so soft, I decided to keep going". Naturally enough, he managed to win, maintaining the tradition of victory in flat races, which stretches back to July, 1985.

Moussa Fall was the only *favourite to go out on the first* day. And he was completely to blame, easing off too soon in a slow race.

All the *other* big names got through including the British trio of Steve Cram, whose relatively slow run proved nothing other than his capacity to finish a race after injury, Peter Elliott and Tom McKean.

Showing the way: Liz McColgan, of Britain, is one of many women who will be the centre of attention in Seoul this week.
Simon Barnes on women in the Games, page 50

Ticket sales fall short

The organizers of the Seoul Olympics are disappointed by the attendance figures at some events and have increased their advertising to attract more spectators.

Lee Jae-hong, the spokesman for the Games organizing *committee, said:* "We do have some promotions. We hope the attendance will increase for the semi-finals and finals."

Overall ticket sales have exceeded 70 percent, the organizers have reported, but *only 30* per cent of the 227,752 tickets for baseball, a popular sport in South Korea, had been sold. Ticket sales below *50 percent have been reported* for canoeing, rowing and hockey.

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Otto is in same class as Ender

Seoul — The "new Mark Spitz", Matt Biondi, may have won *only* three gold medals at these Games so far, but the "new Kornelia Ender", Kristin Otto, has fully justified all *comparisons* (Steven *Downes* writes).

Otto, of East Germany, last night equalled Ender's four *gold medals, won at Montreal* in 1976, when she stormed down the final length of the 100 metres butterfly to overtake Cathy Plewinski, of France, and Birte Weigang, the woman who beat her to the East German title, and set an Olympic and European record

"This can't be true," she said, a thought she must have shared with Artur Wojdat, of Poland. He went into the 400 metres final as world record holder and second fastest qualifier, and bettered his own world best. When he looked up at the scoreboard, however, Wojdat saw that he had won only bronze.

Gillingham finds the gold just out of reach

From Steven Downes, Seoul

Nick Gillingham found Olympic gold just out of his reach in Seoul yesterday as for the second time in a day he broke the British record, which had stood for 12 years, to win silver in the 200 metres breaststroke.

Drawn in lane four as the fastest qualifier, after swimming 2min 14.58sec in the morning's heats to end David *Wilkie's 18-year reign as British* record-holder, Gillingham always knew his main threat would be Jozsef Szabo, the world and European champion from Hungary. So it proved.

Gillingham, aged 21, from Walsall, ignored the extraordinarily quick early pace of the two Soviet swimmers, and instead matched Szabo stroke *for stroke to half-way,* where the Hungarian turned fractionally ahead of him in third place.

"I knew that Jozsef would be very strong on the third length, and I knew I would have to come back very hard," Gillingham said. As the the Soviets went back, it developed into a race between Gillingham and Szabo, as the City of Birmingham swimmer closed with his smooth strokes. "*But I was just not* strong enough," he said, after Szabo reached the finish an arm's length ahead, with the Spaniard, Sergio Lopez, home in third.

Gillingham, whose best time before the Games had been 1.84sec *slower than his* final time, could do no more. "I gave my all," he said. "I had nothing left by the finish. It was a tough race. I'm absolutely delighted with the medal, though. When I came here. I would have just been satisfied with the British record."

Gillingham, who has been unemployed, concentrating on his sport, since leaving school at 16, is the product of five years' hard work under the guidance of Rick Bailey, the former British Olympic coach.

A bronze medal winner in the event at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh two years ago, Gillingham's *world ranking last year would* not have got him into the final, yet he is now the fourth fastest in history. He attributes his improvement to two sessions of weight-training each week, which have allowed him a more powerful pull through the water while maintaining the same, stylish stroke rate.

For a long time in the shadow of Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke champion who only qualified for the B final of the longer event — which he did not swim — this success should bring Gillingham his own share of the limelight.

Scoring discrepancies cast shadow over climax to women's gymnastics

Judging performances on the mat

From David Miller
Seoul

The women's individual all-round gymnastics final produced an amalgam of beauty, excellence, prejudice and, ultimately, the absurd.

How else can be described the wonderful performances of Elena Shushunova, of the Soviet Union, and Daniela Silivas, of Romania, and their *separation in determining* the gold medal for the former by 0.025 of a point, or less than one 3,000th part of their totals, on the arbitrary opinion of six judges. No logical person can happily accept such a refinement of human discretion.

Certainly Adrian Goreac, Silivas's coach, could not willingly accept it, and said so when asked at the official *Press conference* after Shushunova had received the gold medal: one of the most prized in Eastern European sport. Goreac had been asked to give an opinion on the low mark awarded Silivas on her final exercise by Nellie Kim, the Soviet judge and herself a former champion.

Goreac said, with evident feeling: "My own unofficial opinion is when sportsmen or *women receive a 9.8* we are not taking it very well. A 9.8 does not express a high level of endeavour. Such low marks do not express this level of sport." In other words, he implied, Romania was paying the price, of what we can not be sure — perhaps Romania's *lack of solidarity in turning up* in Los Angeles four years ago.

Shushunova's coach, Viktor Gavrichenko, had tried to interrupt the question, telling the experienced Norwegian journalist he should instead ask the judges. Shushunova's pert little face, hitherto all smiles and assurance *along*side the despairing, pale, childlike Silivas, now fell into an expression of self-doubt and annoyance. *It must be* likely that every gymnastic expert in the Olympic park stadium, competitor, official or observer, will have known the verdict was questionable.

Silivas, in fact, beat Shushunova on the day's four exercises by the same tiny margin she lost the medal, on account of the 0.050 points which the Russian carried forward from the preliminaries. Silivas, aged 17 and Romania's replacement for *Nadia Comaneci, led by 0.025* points going into the last exercise, the vaulting horse. To this untutored eye, her leap, spinning and twisting like a salmon, was faultless: the judges gave her 9.900.

Of six judges' marks, the top and bottom are discarded and an average *taken on the middle four.* Kim's persistent low marking would push into the average the other lowest mark. In popular sports it is clearly impossible to have judging panels that exclude anyone of the same nationality as any of those competing, yet the vulnerability to prejudice in arbitrarily measured sports — boxing, figure skating, diving, gymnastics — is too evidently prevalent to pass notice.

It was, nonetheless, a spectacular competition between the two, however much at the end one might feel sorry for the little Romanian with the *doll* face and *milkmaid's* heavy hands. Although Shushunova performed with style her switched-hands grip *in* the asymmetric bars. Silivas had the edge with the first 10.

On they moved to the beam. Shushunova, with those incredible backward somersaults landing blind on one foot, scored a fraction higher, Silivas losing balance for a split second and being forced into an involuntary turn. Yet at times she kept contact with the beam with *entwining legs* like an ivy creeper. Look, no hands!

Silivas led on points as they performed their floor exercises. Shushunova, in her leotard of almost elderly sophistication, mauve, grey and black, utilized a Russian dance to give rhythm to a bewitching sequence; a delectable 10. Silivas was her equal, perhaps even superior, corkscrewing in mid-air, somersaulting incredibly from a kneeling position all to a jazz rhythm. Another 10.

Finally they were at the vault. Silivas, still leading, was drawn first, spinning like a coin, with barely a touch of the horse as she cartwheeled three times, yet received only 9.950. Shushunova was drawn last of the group of six. She warmed up meticulously, and was clearly relaxed as she chatted to her colleague Natalia Lachtchenova, who had a fall on her first jump. Shushunova's first run was good but no more so, it seemed, than that of Silivas. It was a decisive 10.

The photographers crowded her. Silivas, a few yards away, sat on the floor, expressionless, and *hardly glanced when* Shushunova walked by: one of them forever a national heroine, the other forever a runner-up, and all by the discretionary flick of a judge's finger on an electric button.

What most depressed me, looking back, was not the dubious marking, but the blank, programmed look of the medal winners when they appeared behind the microphones: conditioned to cliché replies, seemingly unable to comprehend or respond to questions other than the obvious; looking forward to no *more, as Svetlana* Boguinskaia, the bronze medal winner, admitted, than coaching the next generation of automated geniuses.

Shushunova: V for victory after a breathtaking duel

THE FATAL FRACTIONS

These tables show how narrow was the margin that separated Shushunova in the gold medal winning position from Silivas in *the silver. After the team competition, from which each* gymnast's average score from the combined compulsory and optional exercises is carried forward to the all-round individual competition, Shushunova led Silivas by .05 of a point. That made all the difference. Silivas could only pull back .025 of a point *during the individual phase, not enough to oust her rival.*

SCORES IN TEAM COMPETITION

(First line: compulsory exercises; second line: optional exercises)

Name	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total	Average c/fwd
E SHUSHUNOVA	10.000	9.925	9.900	9.900	39.725	
(USSR)	10.000	10.000	9.950	10.000	39.950	
Totals	20.000	19.925	19.850	19.900	79.675	39.837
D SILIVAS	9.900	10.000	9.875	10.000	39.775	
(Romania)	9.900	10.000	10.000	9.900	39.800	
Totals	19.800	20.000	19.875	19.900	79.575	39.787

SCORES IN INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

SHUSHUNOVA	10.000	9.900	9.925	10.000	39.825	39.837
Grand total						79.662
SILIVAS	9.950	10.000	9.900	10.000	39.850	39.787
Grand total						79.637

Backing the opposition

Even the teams competing furthest from home have not been without support from the spectators in South Korea. Many Korean schools, offices and corporations have adopted countries to support, in order to make the visitors feel welcome.

Hyundai, for example, one of the largest companies in Korea, is officially supporting *the three-member* team from Bhutan. Daewoo, another large manufacturing company, is giving its support to the representatives from Ghana, Sudan and the Central African Republic.

Henderson moves

Oldham rugby league club have paid Leigh £50,000 for their centre, John Henderson. Henderson, who lives in Oldham, *had rejected a new contract* after seven seasons at Leigh.

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OLYMPICS REPORT

You've run (and jumped and swum and thrown) a long way, baby...

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Swimming by numbers: the British synchronizers – Nikki Shearn, Lian Goodwin, Jo Seeburg – exemplify the lengths to which women will go to make their presence felt in a pool. It sure is showbiz, but is it sport?

In this Olympic Games, women's athletics has come of age. **Simon Barnes** salutes the girls who have more than what it takes to win

It is Mary Decker's teeth I hate the most. She seems to have dedicated her life to the task of turning herself into an idealized fictional version of herself: Soap Opera Woman, *Dallas* Woman, Jogging Shoe Commercial Woman, Toothpaste Commercial Woman. The teeth get me every time.

Mary Decker Slaney stands as sport's greatest living tribute to the mysteries of American orthondontistry. Or tooth sculpting.

American girls spend most of their teenage years with their teeth in braces. Ostensibly, this is because of the demands of tooth sculpting, but I believe the tooth brace has been encouraged by American fatherhood as the all-American chastity belt. The tooth brace is a last-ditch attempt to postpone the transformation of girl into woman, or of father into grandfather.

The end result – in a purely teeth sense – is the extraordinary vacuous look of the classic American beauty. The teeth become so large, so strong, so altogether horselike, that the mouth seems unable to close properly over them. Standard American platitude now involves permanently parted lips that reveal teeth like piano keys. A full smile is like an invitation to play the Emperor Concerto.

It is this – this groomed and sculptured fascia – that makes me so nervous about Mary Decker. She seems to have been designed – custom-built – as the all-American, all-feminine female sporting dame, with all that that might sell. This is something I find hard to trust.

> **❛ The most monstrous regiment of female miracle workers that sport has ever produced ❜**

Regardless of what might happen here at the Seoul Olympics, Mary Decker was the face of the 1984 Games, the Los Angeles Festival of American Victory. A shame that Zola Budd's ad libbing spoilt her script. But no matter what she does this time around, she will be joined, if not eclipsed, by a great band of female athletes. These Games are bringing us the biggest, most monstrous regiment of female miracle workers that sport has ever produced.

I have a feeling that these Olympics could turn into a breakthrough for all women's events. In Los Angeles, we had more women's events than ever before. But then we lacked the women to contest them. There is no such lack this time around.

Let us not forget that this is the first proper Olympics since 1972. African, American-led and Russian-led boycotts have spoiled each subsequent Olympics. This time, we have the events, and we have the women: I am sure that these Games will be, to use an expression I have never really understood but which sounds right, a watershed for women's sport. I hope that means a good thing.

I have read that women's sport is a pale imitation of the real thing. If ever there was a counter-argument to such a ludicrous statement, it is to be found in another double-barrelled American, Florence Griffith Joyner.

With Mary Decker, I always feel uneasy about her double-game, her need to imply with every gesture that she's not just a great runner, she's one helluva gorgeous chick as well. Griffith Joyner does not fall into this category: she blows the whole category apart.

You might just remember her from the ranks of successful, glossy, black and comely American female athletes of 1984. By the standards of those Games, she was a kind of superior also-ran: but she was not happy about that. Even then, she was clearly a lady who could stand anything except anonymity. She was the sprinter who had to start on her knuckles because of her ludicrous nails.

They were two inches long, and lacquered in red, white and blue – a change from her usual nicely understated rhinestone encrustations. I do not believe that two-inch nails are a sign of vanity. Anyone who can grow – and live with – such a preposterous and crippling affectation must possess a degree of self-absorption that would be considered unusual even in a man. It takes a male bodybuilder, a male marathon runner (a male writer?) to challenge her.

Griffith Joyner is specially enjoyable as a spectacle because her taste is so clearly theatrical, rather than merely glamorous. No one wishing to make an impression on glamour alone would try racing in a hooded speed-skating suit. That extraordinary pair of one-legged combinations so perilously spread about her as she took the women's 100 metres record into the next century (is that another watershed?) was not a go-faster suit, or a practical suit, or a glamorous suit. It was a simple, straightforward, for-God's-sake-look-at-me suit. It made everyone's week, and I hope she works a further miracle here, even though she has to run in the more routine official dress of the American team: if sport cannot be ridiculous and wonderful, then there's little point to it.

But, in the end, it is not the presentation that will count in Seoul. It is the doing of it that matters. The Olympics are all about the pursuit of excellence, along with competitiveness, achievement, defiance of pain, teamwork, exuberance, the readiness to push back frontiers: all things that have been female qualities since the world began. It is just that they are not the qualities that have been most often celebrated.

For it happens to be true that women are tougher than men. Physically. They can stand the cold better, they can take extremes of heat better, their powers of endurance are far greater. They can tolerate more pain, and their balance is much better. True, men beat women at all events in track and field athletics, but as Craig Sharp, director of the human motor performance laboratory at Birmingham University, demonstrates, this is not because the events are too tough. It is because they are not tough enough.

> **❛ Men beat women in track and field athletics because the events are not tough enough ❜**

The tougher they get, the more the gap closes. And at the preposterous end of unbelievable records and impossible challenges, women start to overtake men: in things like ultra-ultra distance swimming and trans-Himalayan running, men labour in the wake of women.

So I won't listen to anyone who would denigrate women's sport. I hope the Olympics turn out to be a giant leap forward for sports womenkind. If we seek giant leaps, then we have Sara Simeoni, the Italian high-jumper, to provide them. If we seek patriotic gold medal hopes, we have Liz McColgan and Ginny Leng. We have, injuries permitting, the two British javelin-throwers.

All in all, Seoul will provide the greatest festival of women's sport in the history of the world. To virtually all of this, I am happy to give the loudest possible cheer. But there are some sports, the flirting-with-the-judges kind of sports, the double-standard sports, the sports that demand gorgeousness as well as talent, that provide a further extension of the Mary Decker Problem.

Women's gymnastics can be stunning and brilliant, but the flirting by numbers that is a *de rigueur* part of the floor exercise leaves a bit of a funny taste. The graceful writhing of rhythmic gymnastics – the sport with the ribbon-waving and hoop-twirling – is also hard to be comfortable with.

There is a cigarette commercial that says to women: "You've come a long way, baby." These Olympics will, I hope, be a grand celebration of that fact. But I wish it were not necessary to celebrate with synchronized swimming.

Stalwart: Sara Simeoni, Italian high-jumper. With a gold and two silvers in the bag, she retired in 1986. This year she's back

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The real stuff: left, sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner in her for-God's-sake-look-at-me suit. Centre, Mary Decker Slaney, teethed up and raring to smile. Right, Ingrid Kristiansen, 10,000-metre champion, hardy annual

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OLYMPICS REPORT

Slaney has to relive a nightmare as she stumbles again

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Mary Slaney tripped, but kept her balance this time in the Olympic 3,000 metres. It was the Romanian vest disappearing down the track in front of her in yesterday's heats for tomorrow's final which had more ominous overtones of Los Angeles.

The Romanian last time was Maricica Puica, who won while Slaney (then Decker) was writhing at trackside, after her celebrated meeting with Zola Budd's bare feet. Puica was the unfortunate dropout this time, stopping just 200 metres from the finish of the first heat, a legacy of the calf muscle injury she got in July.

The Romanian this time was Paula Ivan, who won the grand prix and had such a successful season at 800 and 1,500 metres, which is a perfect preparation for 3,000. Ivan won the second, faster heat in 8min 43.10sec, with Yvonne Murray just behind, and Slaney a somewhat less than comfortable fourth qualifier.

The "incident" cannot have helped. Slaney had just conceded the early lead that she had taken, and confirmed in similar circumstances to Los Angeles that a perennial front runner has problems in a pack, when she cut across Annette Sergent, of France, had her heels clipped, and almost her wings.

The collective journalistic memory went into the same instant playback that Slaney detailed afterwards. "It was a little bit scarey. It was like a flashback with Zola. I looked round just to see who did it, but all I saw was a blue vest."

It was better than seeing red, as she did in Los Angeles. But that was understandable. As a teenage phenomenon, like Budd, Slaney was omitted from the United States Olympic team in Montreal in 1976, as being too young.

When she was reaching the height of her powers, the boycott of 1980 robbed her of another chance of Olympic glory; and she became the ultimate fall-gal in Los Angeles. Another fall-out here would be too cruel.

She said after her heat: "A gold medal, any medal would mean a lot to me. I've worked my whole life for it, and it would be very special. The Olympics is something I've thought about since I was very young. Now I'm happy to be here and healthy."

But winning is a different dimension altogether. And, although she was comfortably in the first six, who were automatic qualifiers, she lacked the aggression of previous years. Ivan and Murray, and the three Soviet runners, Elena Romanova, Tatyana Samolyenko and Natalia Artemova, and Elly Van Hulst, the other comfortable qualifier from the first heat (who also beat Slaney so convincingly last month), are all going to be close to the 8min 25-30sec which Slaney believes is necessary to win.

Eamonn Martin knows what is necessary to win the 10,000 metres: stay close to the leaders and then use his speed and strength on the last lap. He fulfilled the first part of the formula in qualifying yesterday, fifth in 28min 25.46sec, but he could have looked a little easier.

That is partly excusable, due to his inexperience in the event. The Olympic heats are not the best occasion on which to run your second ever 10,000 metres. But his debut in Oslo, in 27min 23.06sec, the fastest in the world this year, has built much expectation.

He was not reassured when he took the track for the second heat and promptly saw Steve Binns and Mike McLeod, winner of the silver medal last time, go out in the first. "I thought perhaps the conditions were worse than I'd imagined. That it was humid, but it wasn't. I expected at least Steve to qualify.

"I tried to run easy, which isn't easy. In a lot of ways, it was harder than Oslo. I thought it would be run in around 28.20. But a 10,000 metres isn't easy, no matter how slow it's run. I just concentrated on keeping within range of the qualifiers. There was a lot of pushing and somebody went down behind me. At least there won't be any inexperienced runners in the final."

The contenders in Monday's final will be the same quartet Martin beat in Oslo — Salvatore Antibo, Arturo Barrios, Hans-Jorg Kunze and Brahim Boutaib — and two of the three Kenyans, Kipkemboi Kimeli and Moses Tanui. As Martin says, all he has to do is stay in contention.

That is something Binns and McLeod failed to do. McLeod dropped out with two laps to go, he was so far behind. Binns was distraught with his thirteenth place in the first heat in 28min 52.88sec. He reckons he came down from altitude too late — a move which is all too frequent — and that when he recovers properly, he is, "going to do something with it. I'm in the best form of my life."

Timmermann rises to the challenge

From Pat Butcher

The frequency of international competition nowadays means that there are fewer and fewer surprises in major championships. The three favourites for the first day's Olympic golds all won, but not without late challenges which brought out their best and underlined what it takes to become a champion.

Ulf Timmermann was the prime example, which was all the better, for his speciality, the shot, does not often get the attention it deserves in relation to the running. Timmermann is one of the few shot putters who has pretentions to looking like an athlete, compared to the mountains of muscle and flesh, who accompany him into the arena.

The East Berliner has the best power-to-weight ratio in the discipline. He took the world record to 23.06 metres earlier in the year and, with three successive Olympic records yesterday, was well on his way to the title until Randy Barnes, a relative newcomer to the United States' team, overtook him in the last round, with 22.39 metres.

A lesser man would have crumbled. But Timmermann is lesser only in physique. With the last throw of the competition he reached 22.47 metres, and the top step of the podium.

Rosa Mota is about a quarter Timmermann's size. But she was still too much for the rest of the marathon women, although if Lisa Martin had had a little more courage, she might have stayed with Mota even longer than 38 kilometres. For, at the end, Martin had pulled back over half of the advantage Mota had built up in the last four kilometres. But Mota deservedly added the Olympic to the European and world titles she already owns, with a time of 2hr 25min 40sec.

Angie Pain, again coming in as reserve for Britain, again distinguished herself by finishing best in the team, and took almost four seconds off her personal record in the process. She was tenth in 2hr 30min 51sec.

Ian McCombie set a British record in the 20 kilometre walk, with 1hr 22min 03sec to claim thirteenth place. Joszef Pribilinec rebuffed the challenge of Ronald Weigel to win by three seconds, virtually a photo-finish in this event.

The athletics, showpiece of the Games, did not have the impact which might have been hoped.

There were an inordinate number of British disasters in the heats. In addition to John Regis and Barrington Williams in the 100 metres, and Steve Binns and Mike McLeod in the 10,000 metres, eight other Britons failed to progress.

John Herbert, Vernon Samuels and Jonathon Edwards failed to qualify for the final of the triple jump, as did Paul Edwards in the shot. Jill Hunter was nowhere near qualifying for the 3,000 metres. Max Robertson and Phil Harries were eliminated in the first round of the 400 metres hurdles, as was Pat Beckford in the women's flat race.

Treble triumph: Rosa Mota, Olympic as well as world and European marathon champion

Jackson carries lightweight threat to Kingdom's crown

From Pat Butcher

If there is one thing that counts against Colin Jackson at the moment, it is that he is only 6ft tall and 11½st. The height is not such a disadvantage, although he is hardly likely to grow any more at the age of 21, and anyway, Renaldo Nehemiah, the greatest hurdler ever, is the same height. But it is the weight that matters.

For the high hurdles is becoming a race of giants. And Jackson is probably a year behind Roger Kingdom in the practice of throwing weights to improve performance. That year in the weights room is probably worth a metre on the track.

There is probably nobody better placed here to assess Jackson's (and Kingdom's) chances of success in the high hurdles, which begins tomorrow, than Greg Foster, another giant who did not have feet of clay when he failed to qualify in the United States Olympic trials, but an arm in plaster.

Foster, the world champion, is a couple of inches taller and several pounds heavier than Kingdom, who already has that same advantage over Jackson. He broke his left, leading arm in a training accident three weeks before the trials.

The high hurdles is already a race in which the practitioner courts disaster in the manner of a tightrope walker. As Nehemiah has said: "You're so finely balanced at high speed going over those barriers, it would only need someone to whisper in your ear to tip you over."

Foster went into the trials with a plaster cast and could not get past the semi-finals for a chance to win the gold that Kingdom snatched from him at the Los Angeles Olympics.

But Foster, here in Seoul to commentate for television, is philosophical, and ready to dispense his expertise. "It's kinda hard not to pick Roger to win. It's a one-man race for gold and a two or three-man race for silver, between Colin, Tonie (Campbell) and Mark (McKoy).

"Roger's got a lot of upper-body strength; that's the main asset of weights all the time. He hits so many hurdles, and still wins. Power has overcome technique. Tonie's the only one who doesn't get away from technique. Mark, ultimately may be too small. But Colin is an aggressive hurdler. He really attacks the hurdles."

If that is one advantage that Jackson enjoys in the race for silver (and he does not admit that it is only for silver), the other is his championship attitude, diffused by Malcolm Arnold, his coach.

"One of Colin's major strengths is that he's outstanding in competition." Although that had been fairly clear from 1986, when he won his world junior title, it was no better illustrated than in the world championships last year, when, having been injured for most of the season, Jackson managed to get a bronze medal.

Jon Ridgeon, the colleague with whom Jackson has see-sawed to world prominence through junior ranks, took the silver last year behind Foster. But a virus has eliminated him from serious contention.

Yet he remains as confident as Jackson that he can make his mark on the Olympic final. And Tony Jarrett, the third Briton, who followed Ridgeon to European junior gold last year, will probably bolster the British take-over bid of the 110 metres barriers; and get to the last eight as well.

But it is difficult to see anyone beating Kingdom. He is well aware of his bull-at-the-gate tactics, but well justified in using them. "The main thing is to get over the hurdles as quickly as possible, so you can do your fast running between them." But if there should be a whisper of doubt in his ear, it is most likely to be Colin Jackson's voice.

Childerley takes lead following Spaniard's demise

From Barry Pickthall, Pusan

British sailors continued to close in on the medals as the Olympic regatta passed the half-way stage yesterday. A masterful performance by Stuart Childerley, coupled with the disqualification of Thursday's winner, José Doreste, the Spaniard, raised the British Finn sailor to first overall in his class, while Lawrie Smith and his two-man crew moved up to within a whisker of third place in the Soling after finishing third yesterday.

Mike McIntyre and Brynne Vaile maintained second place in the Star class, but their seventh place in yesterday's race has allowed the West German favourite, Alex Hagan, to draw level on points.

The French again dominated the Tornado class, but Rob White and Jeremy Newman recovered from a poor start to finish sixth. The British pair lie eighth overall, 21 points behind the third-placed Brazilians, and know that they have to pull out all the stops during the three races that remain if that bronze medal is to be theirs.

After their disaster on Thursday, Roger Yeoman and Neal McDonald returned to some semblance of form with a sixth placing yesterday, but, in fourteenth overall, have left it too late to stage a comeback.

This race was won in devasting style by Yoel Sela and Eldad Amir, of Israel, who were forced by team orders to withdraw from Wednesday's heat in order to celebrate Yom Kippur — a religious sacrifice that has dropped them to seventh in the overall standings. They stand 34 points behind the fleet leaders, Bojsen-Moller and Gronberg, the world champions from Denmark.

The 10 to 12-knot patchy winds were also to the benefit of the Torten brothers, Sela's compatriots, competing in the 470 class, who did sail on Wednesday and then retired under threat of being sent home. They finished third yesterday behind the Tyniste brothers, from the Soviet Union, and Cochrane and McIlquham, from Canada.

Pepponnet and Pillot, the 470 fleet leaders, shared a bad day with the British, but despite dropping to tenth, still hold a 12-point lead overall. A second place helped Allison Jolly and Lynne Jewell, the United States crew, strengthen their hold in the women's 470 class on a day when their leading rivals, Sweden's Soderstrom and Bengtsson, took a dive to fifteenth. In contrast, the British crew, Debbie Jarvis and Sue Hay, finished sixth, but after poor results earlier in the week stand at fifteenth overall.

Bruce Kendall, the New Zealander, continued to lead the sailboard class after taking fifth place yesterday; Simon Goody, of Britain, is in thirteenth place overall.

ROWING

Canadian pair gets small joy

Kim Bonner and Alison Thomas, from Surrey, came second in the small final of the coxless pairs yesterday when they recorded a time of 8min 15.2sec behind Canada who finished in 8:09.1.

Alison Gill and Sally Andreae, who were late selections for the double sculls, were third in their small final, with a time of 8:15.70, behind Canada and Sweden.

Pertti Karppinen, of Finland, salvaged something from his otherwise disappointing trip to Seoul by by winning his race in the consolation finals. It placed him seventh in the competition overall.

Karppinen, aged 35, was eliminated from medal consideration on Thursday when he finished last in his heat of the semi-finals. He won the Olympic single sculls gold medals at Montreal in 1976, Moscow in 1980 and Los Angeles in 1984.

Karppinen rowed past Yuri Yanson, of the Soviet Union, in the last 50 metres to win the consolation final by half a second. His time, 7:34.37, was considerably slower than that set by Thomas Lange, of East Germany, in the heats, and his own repechage time of 7:14.91.

Karppinen said that rowing had become more difficult for him this year but added that he would continue to train for the world championships and the next Olympics if he can "regain the gladness" of sculling.

CYCLING

Alexander beaten by Soviet

Eddie Alexander's chase for the Olympic sprint cycling title ended in Seoul yesterday. Alexander, aged 24, from Gloucester, went down 2-0 to the Soviet champion, Nikolai Kovche, in the semi-final.

Both races ended in close finishes, with Kovche clocking 11.07 seconds and 11.90 seconds for the last 200 metres to edge out Alexander. In the final Kovche will meet Lutz Hesslich, of East Germany, who beat the Australian, Gary Neiwand. Alexander and Neiwand meet to decide the bronze medal today.

The world record was broken twice during the men's 4,000 pursuit team competition in which the British quartet, Chris Boardman, Bob Coull, Simon Lillistone and Glen Sword, finished thirteenth.

First, the Australian team clocked 4min 16.32sec to improve the time of 4:17.71 set by Czechoslovakia in the 1986 world championships. But then the Soviet Union team, comprised of Vyacheslav Yekimov, Arturas Kasputis, Dmitry Nelubine and Gintautas Umaras, broke the Australian time with 4:16.10, riding last in the qualifying round.

The East German cyclist, Christa Luding, who won gold and silver speed skating medals at the Calgary Games in February, secured a place in Olympic history when she qualified for the final of the women's sprint.

FENCING

Mistake is costly for Llewellyn

One spell of lost concentration cost John Llewellyn the chance of reaching the last 32 in the individual épée fencing yesterday. The Reading cabinetmaker, aged 30, finished fortieth after victory slipped away against Witold Gadomski, of Poland.

"I'm bitterly disappointed after having such a great chance," said Llewellyn, who at the last two Olympics was 24th and 21st.

Llewellyn gained a 5-3 win over the Brazilian, Antonio Machado. Then came the battle with Gadomski, ranked sixth. Three deft strikes put him 3-0 up but once the Pole got the his break the match turned dramatically and a 4-4 draw was not enough to see Llewellyn through. Hugh Kernohan, the other British épéeist, was 51st.

Jean-Francois Lamour, of France, outpointed Janusz Olech, of Poland, 10-4 to win the men's individual sabre gold medal. Giovanni Scalzo (Italy) won the bronze, beating Philippe Delrieu (France), 10-2.

BASKETBALL

Simple for the big battalions

Seoul (Agencies) — The United States, making full use of their height advantage, scored their fourth victory of the tournament by trouncing China 108-57, while the Soviet Union had no problems with South Korea, winning 110-71.

Eight players in the well-balanced American team achieved double figures while the Soviets, after conceding an early eight-point lead, kicked into overdrive to ensure their appearance in the medal round.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker enters the picture

From Jenny MacArthur

Joe Turi and Kruger, contenders for the fourth position in the British show jumping team, hazarded their chances yesterday with a disappointing 16 faults in the training jumping competition at the Seoul equestrian park.

The competition, contested by 102 riders, was designed as a warm-up class before Wednesday's Olympic team showjumping event. It gave the British team manager, Ronnie Massarella, his first chance to assess form since the horses went into quarantine in the middle of August.

Turi, who is competing with Michael Whitaker and Amanda for the fourth place, shrugged off his bad round saying: "I'm not worried. It was me, not the horse. I'm a little rusty, having not jumped since Dublin."

final four on Tuesday evening, took it more seriously. "It was not a good round at all. He never got into a good rhythm."

Turi, who later jumped a clear round on his second horse, Vital, was picked ahead of Whitaker when the squad was originally announced in London. But since arriving in Seoul, Massarella has said that all five are equal and the four for the team will depend on the form the horses show here.

Massarella has made no secret of his wish to have the experienced Whitaker in the team and this latest reversal of form has played into his hands. Whitaker, seizing his chance, produced a good, fluent round on Amanda, collecting only four faults. There were no water ditches on the course — which is where Amanda's weakness lies.

The three other team members, Nick Skelton on Apollo, Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands Anglezarke and David Broome on Countryman, all put in good clear rounds, the latter pair jumping particularly cleanly. The going in the main arena was firm, as expected, but improved after being harrowed half-way through the competition.

Mark Todd, who on Thursday won his second successive individual gold medal in the three-day event, was back in the saddle yesterday riding Bago in the New Zealand team. Todd, the first rider to compete in both the three-day event and show jumping competitions since the Canadian, James Day, in 1976, collected 17 faults and admitted to being somewhat jaded after a wild celebratory party, which lasted most of the night.

Tomorrow evening Massarella has to name four riders for Monday's first qualifying round for the individual showjumping competition. It does not have to be the same four who are in the team, which means that all five riders here could get the chance to compete.

VOLLEYBALL

Peruvians break down the Chinese wall

Seoul (Reuter) — Peru scored an upset 3-2 win over China, the women's world and Olympic champions, in a preliminary round match here yesterday.

China led 14-9 in the fifth, decisive set and looked assured of winning the match when the Peruvians surged back with a series of superb spikes to force deuce.

The South Americans pierced China's defensive wall — reputed the best in the world — and Gabriela Perez, their outstanding player, dummied repeatedly, allowing her team to smash to a 16-14 win.

China, who began their defence of the Olympic title with a 3-0 win over the United States on Tuesday, took the first set, but allowed the Peruvians to equalize in the second. The Chinese swept back to take the third after brilliant spiking by Li Yueming, and Peru levelled after an exhausting, 31-minute fourth set.

But the Chinese made too many defensive mistakes after taking their 14-9 lead in the fifth set, leaving the Peruvians victors, 13-15, 15-13, 7-15, 15-12, 16-14, after 2hr 10min.

The South Americans, who beat Brazil 3-0 on Tuesday, head Group B and are virtually assured of a berth in the semi-finals, but China must beat Brazil, who lost to the United States 3-2 yesterday, to ensure their place. South Korea and Japan lead Group A.

SHOOTING

Golden end to Kouzmine's 19-year dream

Seoul (Reuter) — Afanasi Kouzmine turned a 19-year-old dream to reality by winning the rapid fire pistol gold medal here yesterday. The Soviet, aged 41, scored 698 to beat Ralf Schumann, of East Germany, by two points. Zoltan Kovacs, of Hungary, took the bronze with 693.

"I has a dream of winning the gold medal when I was 22," Kouzmine said. "It kept me in the sport." This was his third Olympics.

Tor Heiestad, of Norway, won the running game target. He scored 689 points, beating China's Huang Shiping and Gennadi Avramenko (USSR).

BOXING

Police investigate post-bout brawl

From John Goodbody

Police yesterday began an investigation into the brawl in the Olympic boxing ring when Korean officials and the head security guard attacked the referee from New Zealand after a home boxer had lost a decision to a Bulgarian.

The incident also caused Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, to make an unscheduled 45-minute visit to the arena to discuss arrangements. It has also thrown into further doubt the future of the sport in the games.

Many members of the IOC, including Samaranch, are known to be unhappy about the safety of the sport, and four years ago it introduced head guards. The Seoul police said the five officials, including two members of the team and two Olympic helpers, would be questioned and could face prosecution for the assault after the Olympics.

"The incident has hurt the national image," a spokesman said. It was shown throughout the world on television and has blemished the previously immaculate conduct of the Koreans. About 15 people were involved in the worst incident inside any Olympic boxing ring since the 1948 Games in London, when supporters of a beaten boxer stormed the jury of appeal.

A melée on Thursday occurred when Byun Jong-Il lost a bantamweight bout to Alex Hristov, of Bulgaria, the European champion. The referee, Keith Walker, warned the Korean for butting and holding and this probably influenced the judges to give the Bulgarian a verdict 4-1.

But when the decision was announced there was uproar and Lee Heong So, the coach, and Kin Sung Eun, the team manager, climbed into the ring and began punching and kicking Walker. They were joined by a security officer and other officials. Bottles and also chairs were thrown as the police moved in. Later the Korean boxer staged a 67-minute sit-in before leaving the ring. The International Amateur Boxing Association suspended the boxer, five officials and also the referee for "certain lapses".

Elliott's unlucky blow

Mark Elliott, of Britain, was eliminated from the light-welterweight competition yesterday after taking a blow in the eye from Ludovic Proto, of France. The punch, which came within a minute of the first round, was the only one thrown by Proto.

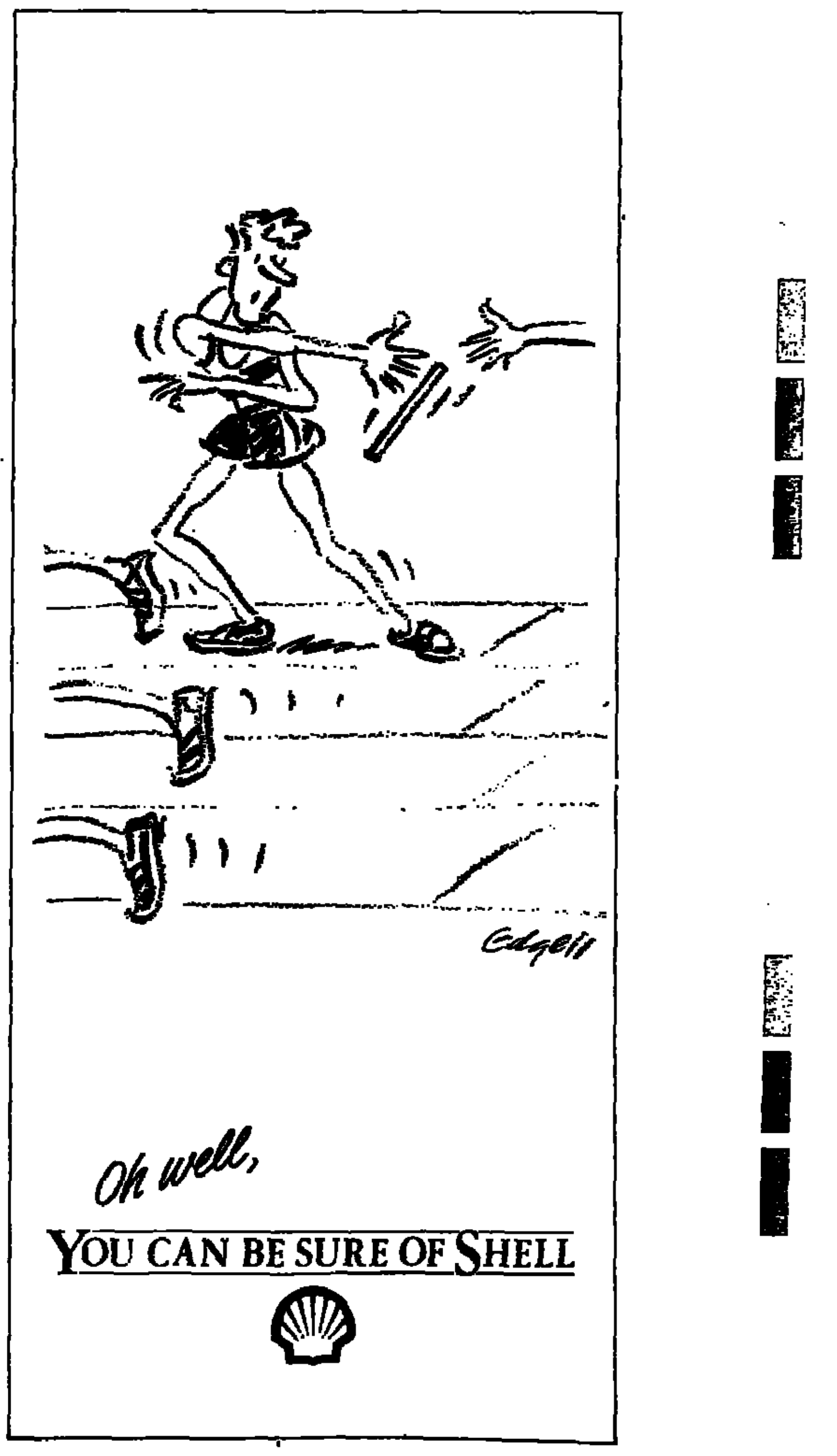
"It went straight into my eye," Elliott said. "I lost vision straight away and felt a bump come up." He was led to the ringside doctor, who signalled that the contest was over.

A surprising result elsewhere in the competition has improved the medal prospects of Charlie Kane, of Scotland, in the lightweight division. Kane, aged 20, reached the last 16 with a unanimous points decision over Adrianus Taroreh, of Indonesia. He was expected to meet Asif Dar, of Canada, the Commonwealth champion, in the quarter-finals.

But Dar was stopped in the first minute of the second round of his bout against Phat Hongram, from Thailand, who twice knocked him down.

Also at lightweight, Michael Carruth, of Ireland, defeated Satoru Higashi, of Japan, by a unanimous decision.

A South Korean lightweight, Lee Kang-su, was beaten by Romallis Ellis, of the United States, but this time there was no protest at the decision.



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OLYMPIC RESULTS

ATHLETICS

Men

100 metres

First round

(First three in each heat and nine fastest losers qualify for second round)

HEAT ONE: 1, R Silva (Br), 10.37sec; 2, E Madonia (It), 10.40; 3, Cheng Hsin-Fu (Taiwan), 10.46; 4, T Lauret (Fr), 10.56; 5, B Lawson (Togo), 10.59; 6, W Kwong Leung (HK), 10.82; 7, M Al Bishi (Saudi Arabia), 10.85; 8, J Jeremiah (Vanuatu), 10.96.

HEAT TWO: 1, C Smith (US), 10.28; 2, A Kovacs (Hun), 10.39; 3, M Mardi (Indo), 10.40; 4, A Razine (USSR), 10.58; 5, H Ndinga (Congo), 10.74; 6, F Muyaba (Zim), 10.75; 7, M Selmi (Alg), 11.08; 8, M Buchel (Liechtenstein), 11.21.

HEAT THREE: 1, T Mansoor (Qatar), 10.42; 2, J Nunez (Dom Rep), 10.47; 3, A Mbaye (Sen), 10.64; 4, F Whymms (Bahamas), 10.70; 5, N Hodge (Virgin Islands), 10.73; 6, H Dove-Edwin (Sierra Leone), 10.89; 7, A Yougbare (Burkina Faso), 10.90; 8, H Atkins (Bar), 11.01.

HEAT FOUR: 1, E Tuffuor (Ghana), 10.31; 2, K Kurihara (Japan), 10.46; 3, A Smith (Jam), 10.49; 4, Zheng Chen (China), 10.51; 5, I Tatar (Hun), 10.52; 6, C Haas (WG), 10.54; 7, H John (Papua New Guinea), 10.96; 8, E Nagi (South Yemen), 11.53.

HEAT FIVE: 1, L Christie (GB), 10.19; 2, M Moriniere (Fr), 10.34; 3, S Matthes (EG), 10.35; 4, Li Tao (China), 10.47; 5, N Samuel-Kaya (Cameroon), 10.60; 6, Lee Shiunn-Long (Taiwan), 10.69; 7, W Trott (Bermuda), 10.69; 8, F Mazlya (Swaziland), 11.52.

HEAT SIX: 1, C Imo (Nigeria), 10.62; 2, C Seck (Senegal), 10.64; 3, I Ousseni (Benin), 10.72; 4, J Regis (GB), 10.76; 5, M Kharitse (Lesotho), 10.97; 6, R Loua (Gui), 11.20; 7, S Birch (LBR), 11.68; P Agostinho (Por), did not finish.

HEAT SEVEN: 1, R Stewart (Jam), 10.22; 2, P Pavoni (It), 10.36; 3, V Savine (USSR), 10.52; 4, G Fetter (Hun), 10.54; 5, K Goma (Bahrain), 10.80; 6, M Afzal (Pak), 10.91; 7, C Roumain (Haiti), 11.22.

HEAT EIGHT: 1, B Johnson (Can), 10.37; 2, Cai Jianming (China), 10.55; 3, Shim Duk-Sup (S Kor), 10.56; 4, C Moreno (Chile), 10.70; 5, A Al-Khalidi (Oman), 10.90; 6, M Jalal (Bangladesh), 10.94; 7, J Saali (Uga), 10.95; 8, St C Soleyne (Antigua), 11.17.

HEAT NINE: 1, D Williams (Can), 10.24; 2, P Wekesa (Ken), 10.50; 3, O Adeniken (Nigeria), 10.56; 4, E Nava (Mex), 10.68; 5, J Bonfim (Br), 10.75; 6, L Hodge (British Virgin Islands), 10.79; 7, V Watanasin (Thai), 10.88; 8, A Gaspar (Angola), 10.92.

HEAT 10: 1, V Krylov (USSR), 10.34; 2, A Silva (Br), 10.44; 3, M Lazazzera (It), 10.47; 4, K Ondiek (Ken), 10.51; 5, T Kasahara (Japan), 10.62; 6, J Flemming (Virgin Islands), 10.70; 7, J Salame (Lebanon), 11.49; 8, G Bessi (Monaco), 11.55.

HEAT 11: 1, D Mitchell (US), 10.37; 2, I Adeyanju (Nigeria), 10.45; 3, O Diarra (Mali), 10.53; 4, O Daniels (Liberia), 10.68; 5, L Cunha (Por), 10.80; 6, E Ortiz (Dom Rep), 11.01; 7, M Dinh (Viet), 11.09; 8, S Epacua (Equatorial Guinea), 11.52.

HEAT 12: 1, J Myles-Mills (Ghana), 10.31; 2, A Berger (Austria), 10.40; 3, B Williams (GB), 10.51; 4, P Stevens (Bel), 10.51; 5, E Talavera (Sp), 10.61; 6, T Osawa (Japan), 10.71; 7, D Centi (San Marino), 11.11; 8, I Asif (Maldives), 11.49.

HEAT 13: 1, C Lewis (US), 10.14; 2, J-C Trouabal (Fr), 10.39; 3, J Arques (Sp), 10.44; 4, J Mair (Jam), 10.44; 5, H Pale (Burkina Faso), 10.76; 6, P Suli (Tonga), 10.94; 7, M Bole (Fiji), 11.19.

Second round

(First two in each heat and four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals)

HEAT ONE: 1, Christie, 10.11; 2, Mitchell, 10.13; 3, Johnson, 10.17; 4, Mair, 10.41; 5, Seck, 10.42; 6, Li Tao, 10.53; 7, Ondiek, 10.57; 8, Diarra 10.61.

HEAT TWO: 1, D Williams, 10.16; 2, A Silva, 10.25; 3, Krylov, 10.26; 4, Kovacs, 10.27; 5, Lazazzera, 10.50; 6, Lauret, 10.51; 7, Zheng Chen, 10.72; 8, Imo 11.44.

HEAT THREE: 1, Stewart, 10.25; 2, Nunez, 10.33; 3, Matthes, 10.36; 4, Trouabal, 10.41; 5, Arques, 10.43; 6, Mbaye, 10.45; 7, B Williams, 10.55; 8, Haas 10.57.

HEAT FOUR: 1, C Smith, 10.16; 2, Adeniken, 10.30; 3, Berger, 10.34; 4, Tuffuor, 10.37; 5, Mansoor, 10.38; 6, Stevens, 10.50; 7, Cheng Hsin-Fu, 10.54; 8, Fetter, 10.55.

HEAT FIVE: 1, Lewis, 9.99; 2, R Silva, 10.24; 3, Adeyanju, 10.32; 4, Pavoni, 10.33; 5, Savine, 10.36; 6, Kurihara, 10.49; 7, Tatar, 10.66; 8, Ousseni, 10.76.

HEAT SIX: 1, Myles-Mills, 10.21; 2, Mardi, 10.32; 3, Moriniere, 10.37; 4, Madonia, 10.38; 5, Wekesa, 10.43; 6, Shim Duk-Sup, 10.55; 7, A Smith, 10.63; 8, Cai Jianming, 10.83.

800 metres

First round

(First three in each heat and overall five fastest losers qualify for second round)

HEAT ONE: 1, F Lahbi (Mor), 1min 47.82sec; 2, N Kiprotich (Ken), 1:48.68; 3, R Ostrowski (Pol), 1:49.04; 4, M Fall (Senegal), 1:49.14; 5, S Spyrou (Cyprus), 1:49.64; 6, P Mendez (Par), 1:50.72; 7, M Al-Bulushi (Oman), 1:51.03; 8, Y Moli (Chad), 1:57.97.

HEAT TWO: 1, B Niang (Senegal), 1:47.65; 2, S Cram (GB), 1:47.77; 3, D Sabia (It), 1:47.84; 4, E Yousuf (Qatar), 1:48.20; 5, Ryu Tae-Keong (S Kor), 1:48.61; 6, E Linley (St Vincent), 1:51.71; 7, L Muavesi (Fiji), 1:54.48; H Alqahtani (Saudi Arabia), disq.

HEAT THREE: 1, J Gray (US), 1:48.83; 2, A Suhonen (Fin), 1:48.90; 3, I Omar (Somalia), 1:48.97; 4, A Abrantes (Por), 1:49.01; 5, M Hernandez (Mex), 1:49.03; 6, K Dzekedze'za (Malawi), 1:50.60; 7, Lin Kuang-liang (Taiwan), 1:52.95.

HEAT FOUR: 1, V Graudyn (USSR), 1:48.90; 2, P Squella (Chile), 1:48.99; 3, A Silva (Por), 1:49.09; 4, M Everett (US), 1:49.66; 5, M Watson (Berm), 1:50.16; 6, S Rizvi (Pak), 1:51.56; 7, M Molinari (San Marino), 1:52.35; 8, J Siguna (Papua New Guinea), 1:56.12.

HEAT FIVE: 1, S Aouita (Mor), 1:49.67; 2, S Hoogewerf (Can), 1:49.76; 3, C Boye (Senegal), 1:49.89; 4, T Baskin (US), 1:50.38; 5, A Maude (Nigeria), 1:50.46; 6, E Ndagijimana (Rwanda), 1:52.08; 7, M Abbas (Lebanon), 1:53.76; 8, D Sawyer (Sierra Leone), 1:57.88.

HEAT SIX: 1, P Braun (WG), 1:47.32; 2, R Druppers (Neth), 1:47.48; 3, T Viali (It), 1:47.74; 4, K Gasetsiwe (Botswana), 1:48.09; 5, A Guimaraes (Br), 1:48.49; 6, A Saleh (Yemen), 1.55.24; 7, M N'jie (Gambia), 1:55.57; 8, N Twegba (Liberia), 1:58.43.

HEAT SEVEN: 1, P Elliott (GB), 1:46.83; 2, R Van Helden (Neth), 1:46.99; 3, J Ndiwa (Ken), 1:47.11; 4, T Teresa (Sp), 1:47.32; 5, A Belkessam (Alg), 1:47.96; 6, D Duan Xiuquan (China), 1:52.17; T Asinga (Surinam) and K Makok (Zaire), disq.

HEAT EIGHT: 1, P Ereng (Ken), 1:46.14; 2, J Barbosa (Br), 1:46.32; 3, S Popovic (Yug), 1:46.49; 4, C Trabado (Sp), 1:46.76; 5, P Ostland (Can), 1:47.16; 6, M Mizernossain (Bangladesh), 1:51.16; 7, J Graells (Andorra), 1:53.34.

HEAT NINE: 1, J Cruz (Br), 1:47.16; 2, T McKean (GB), 1:47.24; 3, M Hometa (Zim), 1:47.36; 4, R Abdenouz (Alg), 1:47.57; 5, D Jones (Antigua), 1:49.31; 6, J N'tyamba (Ang), 1:53.23; 7, O Barr (Guy), 1:55.95; 8, W Tarama (Cook Islands) 1:58.80.

10,000 metres

Heats

(First eight in each heat and four fastest losers qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, K Kimeli (Ken), 28min 00.39sec; 2, J-L Prianon (Fr), 28:08.38; 3, A Barros (Mex), 28:08.63; 4, S Antibo (It), 28:09.35; 5, E Ignatov (Bul), 28:15.63; 6, A Pinto (Por), 28:15.63; 7, B Bickford (US), 28:16.16; 8, K Akutsu (Japan), 28:16.43; 9, R Vera (Ec), 28:17.88; 10, B Merande (Ken), 28:21.84; 11, J Halvorsen (Nor), 28:22.25; 12, M Ten Kate, (Neth), 28:23.23; 13, S Binns (GB), 28:52.88; 14, P Ortiz (Col), 29:08.25; 15, B Akonay (Tan), 29:19.06; 16, A Ebrahimm Warsame (Qatar), 29:37.99; 17, E Nabunone (Indo), 29:55.23; 18, P Calizaya (Bol), 30:35.01; 19, Y Ismael (Chad), 30:47.29; 20, C Naveko (Malawi), 31:23.53; 21, A Dawod (North Yemen), 32:33.04; J-M Albentosa (Sp), D Castro (Por), P Williams (Can), A Lloyd (Aus) and M McLeod (GB), did not finish.

HEAT TWO: 1, M Butaib (Mor), 28:17.61; 2, M Tanui (Ken), 28:20.59; 3, H Kunze (EG), 28:22.09; 4, A Prieto (Sp), 28:22.52; 5, E Martin (GB), 28:25.46; 6, P Arpin (Fr), 28:25.56; 7, S Yoneshige (Japan), 28:26.04; 8, M Gonzalez (Mex), 28:35.66; 9, E Canario (Por), 28:43.02; 10, A Cova (Italy) 28:43.84; 11, P Porter (US), 28:45.04; 12, A Serrano (Sp), 29:01.13; 13, M Joda (Sudan), 29:03.87; 14, M Barreto (Mex), 29:18.14; 15, P McCloy (Can), 29:34.07; 16, Lee Sang-Keun (S Kor), 29:37.14; 17, S Mandebele (Zim), 29:50.99; 18, T Abdillahi (Djibouti), 30:08.53; 19, H Rokaya (Nepal), 30:48.16; 20, A Dupnai (Papua New Guinea), 32:50.83; 21, B Prasad (Fiji), 33:30.43; 22, J Maeke (Solomon Islands), 35:16.93; K Koji (Zaire), T Endo (Japan), S Plasencia (US) and M Vrabel (Cz), did not finish.

400 metres hurdles

First round

(First three in each heat and fastest loser qualify for semi-finals)

HEAT ONE: 1, E Dia Ba (Sen), 49.41sec; 2, K Ehrle (Austria), 50.10; 3, J Graham (Can), 50.30; 4, Hwang Hong-Chul (S Kor), 50.52; 5, P Harries (GB), 50.61; 6, J Aldowaila (Kuwait), 51.87; 7, D Kunwar (Nepal) 55.80.

HEAT TWO: 1, H Schmid (WG), 49.77; 2, S Kitur (Ken), 49.88; 3, A Cuypers (Bel), 50.42; 4, A Ghanem (Egypt), 50.44; 5, R Yoshida (Japan), 50.49; 6, S Matete (Zam), 51.06; 7, D Cordero (P Rico), 51.26; 8, J Ponce (Honduras), 55.38.

HEAT THREE: 1, E Moses (US), 49.38; 2, E Itt (WG), 50.10; 3, J Alonso (Sp), 50.21; 4, L Miller (Aus), 50.53; 5, B Karaulic (Yug), 51.32; 6, A Ince (Bar), 52.76; 7, O Selkridge (Antigua), 53.44.

HEAT FOUR: 1, K Young (US), 49.35; 2, K Akabusi (GB), 49.62; 3, G Yego (Ken), 49.80; 4, J Kucej (Cz), 49.89; 5, R Kopitar (Yug), 50.54; 6, H Mbaye (Senegal), 50.58; 7, B Grant (Sierra Leone), 51.73; 8, J Rodan (Fiji), 53.56.

HEAT FIVE: 1, A Phillips (US), 49.34; 2, W Graham (Jam), 49.40; 3, J Martim (Ken), 49.64; 4, T Tomov (Bul), 49.68; 5, M Robertson (GB), 50.67; 6, A Hamada (Bahrain), 51.34; 7, Y Dossary (Saudi Arabia), 53.51.

20 kilometres walk

1, J Pribilinec (Cz), 1hr 19min 57sec (Olympic record); 2, R Weigel (EG), 1:19:60; 3, M Damilano (It), 1:20:14; 4, J Marin (Sp), 1:20:34; 5, R Mrazek (Cz), 1:20:43; 6, M Shchennikov (USSR), 1:20:47; 7, C Mercenario (Mex), 1:20:53; 8, A Noack (EG) 1:21:14; 9, G De Benedictis (It), 1:21:18; 10, G Leblanc (Can), 1:21:29; 11, S Baker (Aus), 1:21:47; 12, D Plaza (Sp), 1:21:53; 13, I McCombie (GB), 1:22:03 (British record); 14, A Perchine (USSR), 1:22:32; 15, P Blazek (Cz), 1:22:39; 16, M Fesseller (Fr), 1:22:43; 17, J McDonald (Ire), 1:22:45; 18, T Toutain (Fr), 1:22:55; 19, C Mattioli (It), 1:22:58; 20, J-C Corre (Fr), 1:23:09; 21, S Urbanik (Hun), 1:23:18; 22, E Andersen (Nor), 1:23:30; 23, R Pueyo (Sp), 1:23:40; 24, C Maddocks (GB), 1:23:46; 25, S Johansson (Swe), 1:23:51; 26, H Sakai (Japan), 1:24:06; 27, E Misslouls (USSR), 1:24:39; 28, A Jachno (Aus), 1:24:52; 29, J Urbano (Por), 1:24:56; 30, J Staal (Swe), 1:24:59; 31, J Pinto (Por), 1:26:33; 32, A Ferguene (Alg), 1:26:33; 33, H Moreno (Col), 1:27:06; 34, M Bouhella (Alg), 1:27:10; 35, G Dejonckheere (Bel), 1:27:14; 36, Z Szlapien (Pol), 1:27:23; 37, G Morgan (US), 1:27:26; 38, J Hetring (US), 1:27:30; 39, H Oliveira (Por), 1:27:39; 40, S Fonseca (Honduras), 1:27:41; 41, Li Baojin (China), 1:27:57; 42, R Salonen (Fin), 1:28:25; 43, L Ivanov (Bul), 1:28:43; 44, T Lewis (US), 1:31:00; 45, M Palma (Br), 1:31:42; 46, Chung Pil-Hwa (S Kor), 1:32:23; 47, T Kosaka (Japan), 1:32:48; 48, R Lopez (Honduras), 1:37:09; 49, Jung Myong-Oh, (S Kor), 1:40:09.

Triple jump

Qualifying

(16.90 metres or leading 12 qualify for final)

GROUP A: Qualifiers: 1, A Kovalenko (USSR), 17.24m; 2, J Pastusinski (Pol), 16.66; 3, I Slaner (Cz), 16.59; 4, W Banks (US), 16.57; 5, J Taiwo, (Nigeria), 16.42; 6, N Yamashita (Japan), 16.29. Non-qualifiers: 7, V Samuels, (GB), 16.28; 8, G Wright (Can), 16.09; 9, J Edwards (GB), 15.88; 10, J Quinaliza (Ec), 15.86; 11, F Rutherford (Bahamas), 15.84; 11, F Rutherford, (Bahamas), 15.84; 12, Nai Hui-fang (Taiwan), 15.74; 13, M Alyouhah (Kuwait), 15.72; 14, R Cannon (USA), 15.69; 15, L Kaida (Alg), 15.66; 16, J Leitao, (Por), 15.60; 17, E Torres (P Rico), 15.59; 18, A Rodrigues (Br), 15.13; 19, L Adams (St Vincent), 14.73; 20, P Noronha (Mozambique), 14.71; 21, D Hyde (Belize), 14.09.

GROUP B: Qualifiers: 1, I Lapchine (USSR), 17.37; 2, O Protsenko (USSR), 17.00; 3, H Markov (Bul), 16.91; 4, N Elliott (Bahamas), 16.43; 5, C Simpkins (US), 16.35; 6, D Falise (Bel), 16.35. Non-qualifiers: 7, Chen Yanping (China), 16.25; 8, A Grabarczyk (Pol), 16.24; 9, J Herbert (GB), 16.18; 10, F Dodoo (Ghana), 16.17; 11, E Floreal (Can), 16.11; 12, P Johnson (Bahamas), 16.03; 13, H Marios (Cyprus), 15.95; 14, J Silva (Br), 15.95; 15, Park Young-Jun (S Kor), 15.86; 16, R Valiente (Peru), 15.59; 17, B Wellman (Berm), 15.47; 18, F Aboud (Libya), 15.13; 19, H Ali Shah (Pakistan), 14.88; 20, T Simidina (Togo), 13.92.

Shot

Qualifying

(20.20 metres or leading 12 qualify for final)

GROUP A: Qualifiers: 1, U Timmermann (EG), 21.27m; 2, R Barnes (US), 20.83; 3, A Andrei (It), 20.18; 4, G Weil (Chile), 20.18; 5, J Doehring (US), 19.73. Non-qualifiers: 6, G Todorov (Bul), 19.68; 7, K Bodenmuller (Austria), 18.89; 8, Ma Yongfeng (China), 18.27; 9, A Shatta (Egypt), 17.61; 10, P Edwards (GB), 17.28; 11, Han Min-Soo (S Kor), 15.68.

GROUP B: Qualifiers: 1, U Beyer (EG), 20.97; 2, W Günthör (Switz), 20.70; 3, S Smirnov (USSR), 20.48; 4, R Machura (Cz), 20.16; 5, G Andersen (Nor), 20.05; 6, H Krieger (Pol), 19.75; 7, G Tafralis (US), 19.71. Non-qualifiers: 8, P Gudmundsson (Ice), 19.21; 9, M Achouch (Egypt), 18.94; 10, M Zankawi (Kuwait), 15.92.

Final

1, Timmermann, 22.47m (Olympic record); 2, Barnes, 22.39; 3, Gunthor, 21.99; 4, Beyer, 21.40; 5, Machura, 20.57; 6, Weil, 20.38; 7, Andrei, 20.36; 8, Smirnov, 20.36; 9, Tafralis, 20.16; 10, Andersen, 19.91; 11, Doehring, 19.89; 12, Krieger, 19.51.

Women

400 metres

First round

(First four in each heat and four fastest losers qualify for second round)

HEAT ONE: 1, O Nazarova (USSR), 52.18sec; 2, B Lacambra (Sp), 53.04; 3, C Crooks (Can), 53.58; 4, L Chala (Ec), 53.74; 5, P Beckford (GB), 54.39; 6, Yang Kyoung-Hee (S Kor), 58.18; 7, J Nsang Obiang (Equatorial Guinea), 67.58.

HEAT TWO: 1, D Neubauer (EG), 52.51; 2, M Payne Wiggins (Can), 52.70; 3, A Bakare (Nigeria), 52.83; 4, F Ficher (Fr), 53.42; 5, F Kyakutema (Uga), 56.00; 6, B Kungu (Zaire), 57.85.

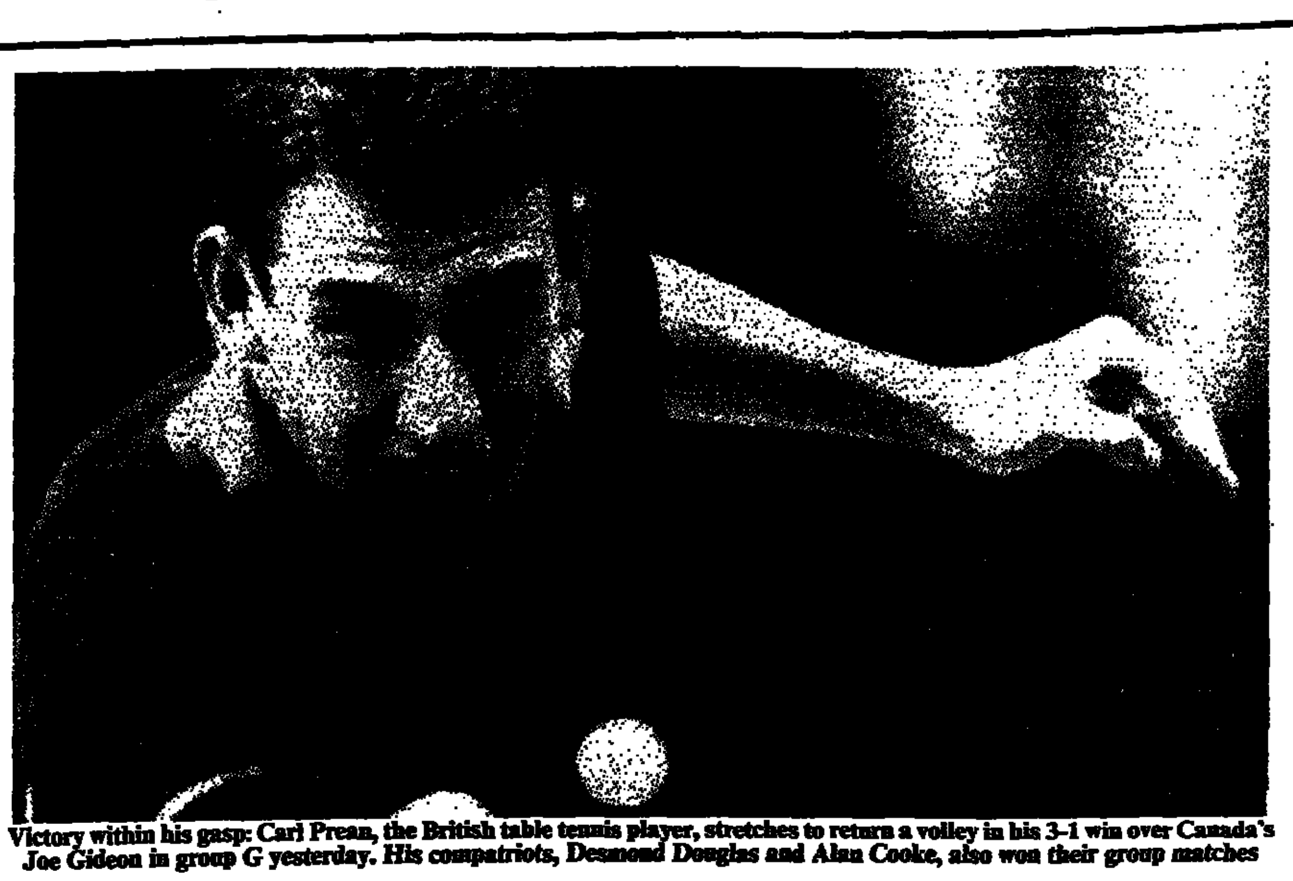
HEAT THREE: 1, M Figueiredo (Br), 51.74; 2, P Müller (EG), 51.93; 3, S Richards (Jam), 52.19; 4, L Hall (GB), 53.13; 5, S Sumei (China), 53.46; 6, Y Straughn (Bar), 53.62.

HEAT FOUR: 1, D Dixon (US), 52.45; 2, U Thimm (WG), 52.79; 3, Y Van Dorp (Neth), 52.84; 4, E Elien (Fr), 52.90; 5, M Dewarder (Guy), 54.76; 6, M Sardouk (Lebanon), 60.01.

HEAT FIVE: 1, V Brisco (US), 51.96; 2, M Holland (Aus), 52.29; 3, N Carabali (Col), 53.27; 4, K Emmelmann (EG), 54.02; 5, A Achuo-Bei (Cameroon), 55.22; 6, J Singarayar (Mal), 56.06; 7, L-L Nkouka (Congo), 57.19.

HEAT SIX: 1, O Bryzgina (USSR), 51.94; 2, L Keough (GB), 52.26; 3, C Rattray-Williams (Jam), 52.39; 4, C Norin (Ivory Coast), 52.48; 5, M Kuttan Math Alapurackal (India), 53.41; 6, Ruth Morris (Virgin Islands), 55.80; 7, B Selkridge (Antigua), 55.96.

HEAT SEVEN: 1, D Howard (US), 52.26; 2, H Arendt (WG), 52.69; 3, A Tandian (Senegal), 52.85; 4, J Richardson (Can), 53.06; 5, N Simon (Fr), 53.30; 6, Chang Fen-Hwa (Taiwan), 56.10; 7, A Griffith (Grenada), 57.09.



Victory within his gasp: Carl Prean, the British table tennis player, stretches to return a volley in his 3-1 win over Canada's Joe Gideon in group G yesterday. His compatriots, Desmond Douglas and Alan Cooke, also won their group matches

3,000 metres

Heats

(First four in each heat and four fastest losers qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, Y Romanova (USSR), 8min 48.47sec; 2, E Van Hulst (Neth), 8:48.54; 3, A Chalmers (Can), 8:48.60; 4, L Williams (Can), 8:48.70; 5, V Huber (US), 8:48.93; 6, W Sly (GB), 8:49.71; 7, Xiuting Wang (China), 8:54.19; 8, J Hunter (GB), 8:57.28; 9, C Pfitzinger (NZ), 9:01.30; 10, J Perkins (Aus), 9:01.82; 11, A Avraam (Cyp), 9:02.18; 12, A Rodriguez (Sp), 9:03.39; 13, F Ribeiro (Por), 9:05.92; 14, S Sirma (Ken), 9:06.90; 15, Chun-Ae Lim (S Kor), 9:21.16; M Puica (Rom) and M-P Duros (Fr), did not finish.

HEAT TWO: 1, P Ivan (Rom), 8:43.10; 2, Y Murray (GB), 8:43.73; 3, D Bowker (Can), 8:43.81; 4, M Slaney (US), 8:44.15; 5, T Samolenko (USSR), 8:44.18; 6, N Artemova (USSR), 8:44.30; 7, P Plumer (US), 8:45.21; 8, A Sergent (Fr), 8:45.94; 9, C Bürki (Switz), 8:48.37; 10, V Michallek (WG), 8:51.34; 11, Qingwei Chen (China), 8:51.53; 12, R Brunet (It), 8:53.04; 13, A Keenan-Buckley (Ire), 9:03.10; 14, Khinkhinhtwe (Burma), 9:26.57; 15, D Nyiramutuzo (Rwanda), 9:47.98; 16, D Diba (Zaire), 10:32.68; F Aouam (Mor) and P Avek (Papua New Guinea), did not finish.

Marathon

1, R Mota (Por), 2hr 25min 40sec; 2, L Martin (Aus), 2:25:53; 3, K Dörre (EG), 2:26:21; 4, T Polovinskaya (USSR), 2:27:05; 5, Zhao Youfeng (China), 2:27:06; 6, L Fogli (It), 2:27:49; 7, D Kaber (Lux), 2:29:23; 8, M Curatolo (It), 2:30:14; 9, Z Ivanova (USSR), 2:30:25; 10, A Pain (GB), 2:30:51; 11, O Lapierre (Can), 2:30:56; 12, S Tooby (GB), 2:31:33; 13, K Szabo (Hun), 2:32:26; 14, F Bonnet (Fr), 2:32:36; 15, Lee Mi-Ok (S Kor), 2:32:51; 16, R Smekhnova (USSR), 2:33:19; 17, N Ditz (US), 2:33:42; 18, M Lelut (Fr), 2:33:47; 19, J Villeton (Fr), 2:34:02; 20, C Ferreira (Por), 2:34:23; 21, K Pressler (WG), 2:34:26; 22, M Panfil (Pol), 2:34:35; 23, A Bizioli (It), 2:34:38; 24, E Palm (Swe), 2:34:41; 25, E Asai (Japan), 2:34:41; 26, L Bussieres (Can), 2:35:03; 27, G Wolf (WG), 2:35:11; 28, K Araki (Japan), 2:35:15; 29, M Miyahara (Japan), 2:35:26; 30, Zhong Huandi (China), 2:36:02; 31, E Rochefort (Can), 2:36:44; 32, S Crehan (GB), 2:36:57; 33, L Moller (NZ), 2:37:52; 34, C Beurskens (Neth), 2:37:52; 35, M Ilands (Bel), 2:38:02; 36, S Grottenberg (Nor), 2:38:17; 37, Lim Eun-Joo (S Kor), 2:38:21; 38, M Mukamurenzi (Rwanda), 2:40:12; 39, M Groos (US), 2:40:59; 40, Cathy O'Brien (US), 2:41:04; 41, T Jousimaa (Fin), 2:43:00; 42, S Keskitalo (Fin), 2:43:00; 43, B Jaime (Mex), 2:43:00; 44, A Almeida (Br), 2:43:40; 45, L Melicherova (Cz), 2:43:56; 46, A Smyth (Ire), 2:44:17; 47, G Eichenmann (Switz), 2:44:37; 48, R Mueller (Switz), 2:47:31; 49, P Wangui (Ken), 2:47:42; 50, A Nyinawabera (Rwanda), 2:49:18; 51, M Justin (Mauritius), 2:50:00; 52, M Bush (Cayman Islands), 2:51:30; 53, M-P Menendez De Cox (Guatemala), 2:51:33; 54, Li Juan (China), 2:53:08; 55, L-E Hunter (Zim), 2:53:17; 56, C Melis (Aruba), 2:53:24; 57, M Murphy-Rollins (Ire), 2:54:37; 58, K Garcia (El Salvador), 3:04:21; 59, J Ogborn (Guam), 3:08:05; 60, R Pandey (Nepal), 3:10:31; 61, M Rawat (Nepal), 3:11:17; 62, A Vincent Mark (Grenada), 3:23:56; 63, L Klitzkie (Guam), 3:25:32; 64, M Ysrael (Guam), 3:42:23; A Pardaens (Bel), Mar Mar Min (Burma), Kim Mi-Kyong (S Kor), B Moe (Nor) and G Waltz (Nor) did not finish.

Heptathlon

100 metres hurdles

HEAT ONE: 1, J Hautenauve (Bel), 14.04secs; 2, C Geremias (Br), 14.23; 3, J Jeong-Mi (S Kor), 14.53; 4, H Hui-Ing (Taiwan), 14.85; 5, S Tukana (Fiji), 15.60; 6, I Launa (Papua New Guinea), 16.42.

HEAT TWO: 1, K Hagger (GB), 13.47; 2, S Everts (WG), 13.74; 3, J Simpson (GB), 13.78; 4, S Ruotsalainen (Fin), 13.79; 5, C Schneider (Switz), 13.85; 6, W Brown (US), 14.07; 7, R Kytola (Fin), 14.31; 8, J Mulliner (GB), 14.39, 924.

HEAT THREE: 1, J Joyner-Kersee (US), 12.69; 2, S John (EG), 12.85; 3, A Behmer (EG), 13.20; 4, S Bouraga (USSR), 13.25; 5, N Choubenkova (USSR), 13.51; 6, R Sablovskaite (USSR), 13.61; 7, I Schulz (EG), 13.75; 8, C Beaugeant (Fr), 15.76.

HEAT FOUR: 1, S Dimitrova (Bul), 13.24; 2, J Flemming (Aus), 13.38; 3, C Greiner (US), 13.55; 4, Z Lajbnerova (Cz), 13.63; 5, S Braun (WG), 13.71; 6, M Wijnsma (Neth), 13.75; 7, Dong Yuping (China), 13.93; J Hidding (Neth), did not finish.

High jump

GROUP A: 1, Joyner-Kersee, 1.86m; 2, Schneider, 1.86; 3, Wijnsma, 1.86; 4, Dong Yuping, 1.86; 5, Behmer, 1.83; 6, Schulz, 1.83; 7, Braun, 1.83; 8, Lajbnerova, 1.83; 9, Brown, 1.83; 10, Beaugeant, 1.80; 11, Greiner, 1.80; 12, Flemming, 1.80; 13, Ruotsalainen, 1.80; 14, John, 1.80; 15, Kytola, 1.77; 16, Simpson, 1.77.

GROUP B: 1, Hagger, 1.80; 2, Sablovskaite, 1.80; 3, Dimitrova, 1.80; 4, Buraga, 1.77; 5, Hautenauve, 1.77; 6, Shubenkova, 1.74; 7, Everts, 1.71; 8, Geremias, 1.71; 9, Ji Jeong-Mi, 1.71; 10, Mulliner, 1.71; 11, Hsu Hui-Ing, 1.68; 12, Launa, 1.50; Tukana, no height.

Shot

GROUP A: 1, John, 16.23m; 2, Joyner-Kersee, 15.80; 3, Sablovskaite, 15.23; 4, Shubenkova, 14.76; 5, Lajbnerova, 14.28; 6, Dong Yuping, 14.21; 7, Behmer, 14.20; 8, Greiner, 14.13; 9, Schulz, 13.50; 10, Braun, 13.16; 11, Wijnsma, 13.01; 12, Flemming, 12.88; 13, Beaugeant, 12.79; 14, Bouraga, 12.62; 15, Dimitrova, 12.02.

GROUP B: 1, Geremias, 12.95; 2, Hagger, 12.75; 3, Brown, 12.69; 4, Mulliner, 12.58; 5, Ruotsalainen, 12.32; 6, Hautenauve, 11.81; 7, Launa, 11.78; 8, Kytola, 11.66; 9, Schneider, 11.58; 10, Everts, 11.54; 11, Ji Jeong-Mi, 10.83; 12, Hsu Hui-Ing, 10.00; 13, Tukana, 8.51.

200 metres

HEAT ONE: 1, Dimitrova, 23.49sec; 2, Flemming, 23.59; 3, Greiner, 24.48; 4, Braun, 24.78; 5, Lajbnerova, 24.86; 6, Dong Yuping, 25.00; 7, Wijnsma, 25.03.

HEAT TWO: 1, Hsu Hui-Ing, 25.23; 2, Geremias, 25.50; 3, Hautenauve, 25.61; 4, Launa, 26.16; 5, Tukana, 26.37; 6, Ji Jeong-Mi, 26.81.

HEAT THREE: 1, Joyner-Kersee, 22.56; 2, Behmer, 23.10; 3, Buraga, 23.59; 4, John, 23.65; 5, Sablovskaite, 23.92; 6, Shubenkova, 23.93; 7, Schulz, 24.65.

HEAT FOUR: 1, Ruotsalainen, 24.61; 2, Brown, 24.83; 3, Schneider, 24.87; 4, Mulliner, 24.92; 5, Hagger, 25.47; 6, Kytola, 25.69.

Positions after first day

1, Joyner-Kersee, 4,264pts; 2, John, 4,083; 3, Behmer, 3,966; 4, Sablovskaite, 3,876; 5, Flemming, 3,785; 6, Chubenkova, 3,784; 7, Lajbnerova, 3,780; equal 8, Dimitrova and Greiner, 3,759; 10, Buraga, 3,750; 11, Dong Yuping, 3,737; 12, Schulz, 3,710; 13, Braun, 3,681; 14, Wijnsma, 3,680; 15, Brown, 3,593; 16, Ruotsalainen, 3,591; 17, Hagger, 3,588; 18, Schneider, 3,586; 19, Hautenauve, 3,385; 20, Mulliner, 3,391; 21, Geremias, 3,378; 22, Kytola, 3,339; 23, Ji Jeong-Mi, 3,101; 24, Hsu Hui-Ing, 3,087; 25, Launa, 2,715; 26, Everts, 2,513; 27, Beaugeant, 2,315; 28, Tukana, 1,968.

BASKETBALL

Men

GROUP A: Puerto Rico 71, Central African Republic 67; Soviet Union 110, South Korea 73; Yugoslavia 98, Australia 78. Standings after four games: 1, Yugoslavia, 8pts; 2, Soviet Union, 7; 3, Australia, 6; 4, Puerto Rico, 6; 5, Central African Republic, 5; 6, South Korea, 4.

GROUP B: Spain 94, Canada 84; Brazil 138, Egypt 85; United States 108, China 57. Standings after four games: 1, United States, 8pts; 2, Brazil, 7; 3, Spain, 7; 4, Canada, 5; 5, China, 5; 6, Egypt, 4.

BOXING

Featherweight

SECOND ROUND: R Pittman (Cook Islands), bt D Mabuza (Swaziland), pts.

Lightweight

SECOND ROUND: A Said (Alg) bt S Kuboitsile (Botswana), rsc 1st; M Carruth (Ire) bt S Higashi (Japan), pts; M Hegazy (Egypt) bt B Onoko (Nigeria), pts; G Cramne (Swe) bt J Mkangala (Malawi), pts; K Tsziou (USSR) bt S Knight (Bar), rsc 1st; P Hongram (Thai) bt A Dar (Can), rsc 2nd; A Zuelow (EG) bt G Campanella (It), pts; C Kane (GB) bt A Taroreh (Indo), pts; I Turu (Hun) bt J-P Bonatou (Cameroon), pts; N Enkhbat (Mongolia) bt J Perez (Ven), pts; K Marjouane (Mor) bt T Gbay (Liberia) pts; R Ellis (US) bt Lee Kang-suk (S Kor), pts; K Traore (Mali) bt T Belly (Sudan), pts; M Kennedy (Jam) bt T Maea (Cook Islands), rsc 1st; E Tchuprenski (Bul) bt E Delapena (Guam), rsc 2nd; H Arroyo (P Rico), bt K Tatar (Tur) pts.

Light-welterweight

FIRST ROUND: A Aguiar (Togo) bt J Bade (Papua New Guinea), disq 2nd.

SECOND ROUND: G Cheney (Aus) bt M Gonzalez Gauto (Par), rsc 2nd; A Carew (Guy) bt V Dobrasinovic (Yug), pts; R Gies (WG) bt L Szabo (Hun), pts; I Quartey (Ghana) bt Saizozema (Dom Rep), pts; C Jin-chul (S Kor) bt L Braimoh (Nigeria), rsc 3rd; J Sodnomder (Mongolia) bt D Odindo (Uga) rsc 2nd; D Chinyadza (Zim) bt A Mozdzen (Pol), pts; H Rodriguez (Mex) bt A Temo (Fiji), rsc 2nd; H Grant (Can) bt A Otto (EG), rsc 2nd; L Mphande (Malawi) bt K Miango (Zaire), w/o; V Janovski (USSR) bt R Matumla (Tanzania), rsc 3rd; L Proto (Fr) bt M Elliot (GB), rsc 1st; L Myrberg (Swe) bt A Khanji (Syria), pts; A Mwamba (Zam) bt A Aguiar (Tonga), rsc 2nd; T Foster (US) bt K Rahilou (Mor), ko 2nd; D Kamau (Ken) bt M Ndongo-Ebanga (Cameroon), pts.

CYCLING

Men

Sprint

SEMI-FINALS: N Kovche (USSR) bt E Alexander (GB), 2-0; L Hesslich (EG) bt G Neiwand (Aus), 2-0.

FIFTH PLACE RACE: 5, V Sustr (Cz), 11.34sec; 6, E Schoefs (Bel); 7, F Weber (WG); 8 M Cheesman (Tri).

4,000 metres team pursuit

QUALIFICATION: 1, Soviet Union, 4min 16.10sec (world record); 2, Australia, 4:16.32; 3, France, 4:17.19; 4, East Germany, 4:17.61; 5, Czechoslovakia, 4:20.55; 6, Poland, 4:21.30; 7, Denmark, 4:22.37; 8, Italy, 4:22.64; 9, United States, 4:22.96; 10, West Germany, 4:23.10; 11, Spain, 4:24.90; 12, Netherlands, 4:25.67; 13, Great Britain, 4:25.87; 14, New Zealand, 4:26.13; 15, Japan, 4:26.50; 16, Austria, 4:26.64; 17, Argentina, 4:29.90; 18, South Korea, 4:34.55; 19, Brazil, 4:38.21.

QUARTER-FINALS: East Germany 4:14.45 bt Czechoslovakia 4:19.05; France 4:17.70 bt Poland 4:22.50; Australia 4:17.14 bt Denmark 4:25.30; Soviet Union 4:14.22 bt Italy 4:20.90.

Women

Sprint

SEMI-FINALS: E Salumyae (USSR) bt C Paraskevin-Young (US), 2-0; C Luding-Rothenburg (EG) bt I Gautheron (Fr), 2-1.

FIFTH PLACE RACE: 5, J Speight (Aus), 12.56sec; 6, Zhou Suying (China); 7, L Jones (GB); 8, Y Hsu-chen (Taiwan).

FENCING

Men

Sabre

QUARTER-FINALS: J Olech (Pol) bt J Nolte (WG), 10-7; G Scalzo (It) bt G Nebald (Hun), 10-8; J-F Lamour (Fr), bt F Becker (WG), 10-6; P Delrieu (Fr) bt G Pogossov (USSR), 10-8.

SEMI-FINALS: Olech bt Scalzo, 10-8; Lamour bt Delrieu, 10-7.

FINAL: 1-2 places: Lamour bt Olech, 10-4. 3-4: Scalzo bt Delrieu, 10-2.

GYMNASTICS

Women

Individual all-round competition

FINAL SCORES: 1, Y Shushunova (USSR), 79.662pts; 2, D Silivas (Rom), 79.637; 3, S, Boginskaya (USSR), 79.400; 4, G Potorac (Rom), 79.037; 5, R Lashenova (USSR), 78.875; 6, A Dobre (Rom), 78.812; 7, D Thümmler (EG), 78.800; 8, D Kersten (EG), 78.775; 9, D Doudeva (Bul), 78.725; 10, B Johnson (US), 78.525; 11, U Klotz (EG), 78.487; 12, D Vodenitcharova (Bul), 78.337; 13, B Stoyanova (Bul), 78.200; 14, Chen Cuiting (China), 78.137; 15, P Mills (US), 78.037; 16, K Garrison-Steves (US), 77.937; 17, I Polokova (Cz), 77.850; 18, E Rueda (Sp), 77.687; 19, E Ovary (Hun), 77.675; 20, Fan Di (China), 77.637; 21, Park Ji-Sook (S Kor), 77.600; 22, M Covecci (Can), 77.425; equal 23, L Munoz (Sp) and B Storczer (Hun), 77.400; 25, K Boucher, (Fr), 77.374; 26, A Dravjana (Cz), 77.287; 27, A Ladanyi (Hun), 76.975; 28, G Voipl (It), 76.962; 29, H Ricna (Cz), 76.862; 30, Han Kyung-Im (S Kor), 76.850; 31, J Rankin (Can), 76.787; 32, Wang Wenjing (China), 76.700; 33, Bae Eun-Mi (S Kor), 76.550; 34, Miho Shinoda (Japan), 76.475; 35, L Parente Ribeiro (Br), 75.750; 36, L Strong (Can), 66.712.

HANDBALL

Women

GROUP A: Czechoslovakia 33, United States 19; Yugoslavia 22, South Korea 19. Standings after two games: 1, Yugoslavia, 4pts; 2, Czechoslovakia, 2; 3, South Korea, 2; 4, United States, 0.

GROUP B: Soviet Union 32, Ivory Coast 11; Norway 22, China 20. Standings after two games: 1, Soviet Union, 4pts; 2, Norway, 4; 3, China, 0; 4, Ivory Coast, 0.

HOCKEY

Women

GROUP A: Netherlands 5, Great Britain 1; Argentina 2, United States 1.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
Argentina	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Great Britain	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
United States	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

GROUP B: Australia 1, West Germany 0; South Korea 3, Canada 1.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Australia	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Canada	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
West Germany	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

ROWING

Men's 7th-12th place races

Single sculls

1, P Karppinen (Fin), 7min 34.37sec; 2, Y Isanson (USSR), 7:35.09; 3, F Hulten (Swe), 7:40.07; 4, G Calabrese (It), 7:43.31; 5, J Possa (Uru), 7:44.18; 6, H-J Zwolle (Neth), 7:44.92.

Double sculls

1, Spain, 7min 02.34sec; 2, Bulgaria, 7:04.39; 3, Italy, 7:06.01; 4, Canada, 7:07.31; 5, Norway, 7:09.42; 6, Finland, 7:20.72.

Coxless pairs

1, West Germany, 7min 19.48sec; 2, France, 7:22.36; 3, United States, 7:26.65; 4, Brazil, 7:28.30; 5, Finland, 7:28.46; 6, Austria, 10:45.56.

Coxed pairs

1, Czechoslovakia, 7min 11.30sec; 2, Yugoslavia, 7:15.82; 3, Poland, 7:18.60; 4, Canada, 7:18.89; 5, United States, 7:24.18.

Coxless fours

1, West Germany, 6min 42.65sec; 2, Czechoslovakia, 6:43.64; 3, Canada, 6:44.95; 4, Italy, 6:45.39.

Eights

1, Italy, 5min 41.15sec; 2, Bulgaria, 5:49.99; 3, Japan, 5:55.52; 4, South Korea, 6:16.73.

Women's 7th-12th place races

Single sculls

1, A Zweir (Gr), 7min 57.73sec; 2, N Kvacha (USSR), 8:00.73; 3, R Defauw (Bel), 8:04.90; 4, H Hattin (Can), 8:08.69; 5, A Larsson (Swe), 8:11.69; 6, M Loukotova (Cz), 8:14.02.

Double sculls

1, Canada, 8min 03.56sec; 2, Sweden, 8:09.35; 3, Great Britain (S Andreae and A Gill), 8:15.70; 4, South Korea, 8:58.45.

Coxless pairs

1, Canada, 8min 09.10sec; 2, Great Britain (A Bonner and K Thomas), 8:15.20; 3, West Germany, 8:22.08; 4, South Korea, 8:25.14.

Quadruple

1, Netherlands, 6min 38.70sec; 2, Hungary, 6:40.91; 3, United States, 6:41.28; 4, France, 6:43.16.

Coxed fours

1, Canada, 7min 19.86sec; 2, Poland, 7:22.59; 3, Soviet Union, 7:27.20; 4, South Korea, 8:07.71.

SHOOTING

Open

Skeet

LEADERS AFTER TWO DAYS: 1, L Hlavacek (Cz), 149pts; equal 2, D Carlisle (US) and A De Inurrizaga (Chile), 149; 4, V Timokhin (USSR), 149; 5, A Wegner (EG), 148; 6, B Thorwaldson (Swe), 147; 7, J Guardiola (Sp), 147; 8, F Emilio Roberti (Arg), 147; 9, M Dryke (US), 147; 10, E Swinkels (Neth), 147; 11, H Seeberger (WG), 147; equal 12, L-S Rossi (It) and A Cherkasov (USSR), 147; 14, B Hochwald (EG), 147; 15, Zhang Weigang (China), 146; 16, M Torpil (Tur), 146; 17, T Imnaishvili (USSR), 146; 18, J Raabe (EG), 146; 19, H Dompeling (Neth), 146; 20, M Tymvios (Cyprus), 146; 21, J Lanfranchi (Fr), 145; 22, A Benelli (It), 145; 23, P Malek (Cz), 145; 24, R Smith (US), 145; equal 25, L Adamec (Cz), J-J Giha (Peru), K Harman (GB), B-J Kwasnycia (Can), O-R Rasmussen (Den) and Wang Zhonghua (China), 144.

Men

Rapid fire pistol

FINAL: 1, A Kouzmine (USSR), 698pts (world record); 2, R Schumann (EG), 696.0; 3, Z Kovacs (Hun), 693; 4, A Savieri (It), 693; 5, A Kaczmarek (Pol), 691; 6, B Tovar (Col), 690; 7, J McNally (US), 690; 8, D Köhler (WG), 689.

Running game target

FINAL: 1, T Heiestad (Nor), 689pts; 2, Huang Shiping (China), 687; 3, G Avramenko (USSR), 686; 4, J Kermiet (Cz), 679.

SWIMMING

Men

400 metres freestyle

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, B Alansari (United Arab Emirates), 4min 39.36sec; 2, E Lahoud (Lebanon), 4:47.09; 3, M Binabid (United Arab Emirates), 4:47.28.

HEAT TWO: 1, Wu Ming-Hsun (Taiwan), 4:06.66; 2, J Sakovich (Guam), 4:06.89; 3, R Bera (India), 4:08.70; 4, D Koh (Sing), 4:15.54; 5, A Li (HK), 4:18.50; 6, J Bolling (Sri Lanka), 4:18.68.

HEAT THREE: 1, I Majcen (Yug), 3:58.90; 2, D Cassio (Br), 4:02.48; 3, I Escamilla (Mex), 4:03.16; 4, C Romo (Mex), 4:04.02; 5, Kuan Seng Jeffrey Ong (Mal), 4:04.57; 6, R Gudmundsson (Ice), 4:05.12; 7, Yang Wook (S Kor), 4:05.81; 8, Kwon Soon-Kun (S Kor), 4:08.02.

HEAT FOUR: 1, S Vassallo (P Rico), 3:55.30; 2, H Jangvall (Swe), 3:57.41; 3, D Serra (Sp), 3:57.48; 4, T Day (GB), 3:57.91; 5, A Bottini (Switz), 3:57.92; 6, C Christensen (Den), 4:00.46; 7, Y Mizumoto (Japan), 4:02.02; 8, S Ogata (Japan), 4:05.68.

HEAT FIVE: 1, M Podkoscielny (Pol), 3:49.51 (Olympic record); 2, S Pfeiffer (WG), 3:49.52; 3, R Henkel (WG), 3:51.50; 4, V Kalaus (Hun), 3:53.44; 5, J Hoffmann (EG), 3:53.78; 6, D Petric (Yug), 3:56.94; 7, C Michelena (Br), 3:57.79; 8, G Vandermeulen (Can), 3:57.99.

HEAT SIX: 1, K Boyd (GB), 3:50.01; 2, A Holmertz (Swe), 3:50.06; 3, M Cetlinski (USA), 3:50.82; 4, I Brown (Aus), 3:51.09; 5, G Lamberti (It), 3:53.29; 6, C Scanavino (Uru), 3:54.86; 7, Z Szilagyi (Hun), 3:56.29; 8, F Iacono (Fr), 4:00.04.

HEAT SEVEN: 1, A Wojdat (Pol), 3:49.68; 2, U Dassler (EG), 3:49.90; 3, D Armstrong (Aus), 3:50.64; 4, D Jorgensen (US), 3:52.64; 5, T O'Hare (Can), 3:55.36; 6, R Gleria (It), 3:56.33; 7, A Bazanov (USSR), 3:58.74; 8, J-M Arnould (Bel), 3:58.91.

FINAL: 1, Dassler, 3:46.95 (world record); 2, Armstrong, 3:47.15; 3, Wojdat, 3:47.34; 4, Cetlinski, 3:48.09; 5, Podkoscielny, 3:48.59; 6, Pfeiffer, 3:49.96; 7, Boyd, 3:50.16; 8, Holmertz, 3:51.04.

200 metres breaststroke

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, A Seks (NZ), 2mins 27.28secs; 2, Y Ng (Sing), 2:30.74; 3, K Singleton (Virgin Islands), 2:36.45; 4, N Quach Hoai (Viet), 2:39.69; 5, A El-Domyati (Lebanon), 2:44.34; 6, O Alrumaithi (United Arab Emirates), 2:50.49.

HEAT TWO: 1, T Hsin-Yen (Taiwan), 2:23.80; 2, W Sugriat (Indo), 2:26.17; 3, M Gutierrez (Pan), 2:26.57; 4, A Ragnarsson (Ice), 2:27.93; 5, C Tortelli (Br), 2:28.82; 6, N Fokianos (Gr), 2:28.91; 7, K Watt (HK), 2:30.78; C Toft (Den), disq.

HEAT THREE: 1 J Caraaga (Mex), 2:20.11; 2, P-Y Eberle (Switz), 2:20.65; 3, M Warnecke (WG), 2:22.55; 4, T Boehm (Austria), 2:24.15; 5, C Qing (China), 2:24.45; 6, R Lockhart (NZ), 2:24.52; 7, E Shtigman (Isr), 2:25.18; 8, L Concepcion (Phil), 2:25.62.

HEAT FOUR: 1, S Appelboom (Bel), 2:18.02; 2, Y Joo-Il (S Kor), 2:19.94; 3, R Dekker (Neth), 2:20.84; 4, C Poswiat (EG), 2:20.99; 5, L van de Vondel (Bel), 2:21.50; 6, P Suominen (Fin), 2:22.01; 7, H Nagahata (Japan), 2:22.23; 8, J Fu (China) 2:26.05.

HEAT FIVE: 1, V Lozik (USSR), 2:16.31; 2, J Cleveland (Can), 2:16.87; 3, R Beinhauer (Cz), 2:18.02; 4, Dagon (Switz), 2:18.68; 5, G O'Toole (Ire), 2:18.93; 6, K Stackle (US), 2:19.47; 7, H Wedekind (WG), 2:22.55; D Leblanc (Fr), disq.

HEAT SIX: 1, N Gillingham (GB), 2:14.58; 2, J Szabo (Hun), 2:14.97; 3, S Lopez (Sp), 2:17.06; 4, V Alexeev (USSR), 2:17.15; 5, A Yokochi (Por), 2:17.87; 6, C Penicaud (Fr), 2:18.72; 7, P Restrepo (Col), 2:19.58; 8, J Fernandez (Sp), 2:20.34.

HEAT SEVEN: 1, M Barrowman (US), 2:15.85; 2, P Szabo (Hun), 2:17.10; 3, C Grant (Can), 2:17.62; 4, S Takahashi (Japan), 2:17.69; 5, A Marcek (Cz), 2:18.44; 6, A Moorhouse (GB), 2:18.51; 7, I McAdam (Aus), 2:19.88; 8, J Olsen (Nor), 2:26.70.

FINAL: 1, Szabo, 2:13.52; 2, Gillingham, 2:14.12; 3, Lopez, 2:15.21; 4, Barrowman, 2:15.45; 5, Lozik, 2:16.16; 6, Alexeev, 2:16.70; 7, Cleveland, 2:17.10; 8, Szabo, 2:17.12.

B FINAL: 1, Yokochi, 2:18.01; 2, Takahashi, 2:18.03; 3, Appelboom, 2:18.08; 4, Beinhauer, 2:18.13; 5, Dagon, 2:18.17; 6, Grant, 2:18.36; 7, Marcek, 2:18.51; 8, Penicaud, 2:18.95.

4 x 100 metres freestyle relay

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, Sweden, 3min 23.09sec; 2, Canada, 3:23.85; 3, Denmark, 3:25.15; 4, Netherlands, 3:25.26; 5, Portugal, 3:33.31; 6, Virgin Islands, 3:43.23.

HEAT TWO: 1, West Germany, 3:23.19; 2, Italy, 3:23.35; 3, Great Britain (A Jameson, M Foster, M Fibbens, R Lee), 3:23.71; 4, Brazil, 3:28.17; 5, Mexico, 3:29.72; 6, Hong Kong, 3:34.78; 7, South Korea, 3:38.05; China disq.

HEAT THREE: 1, United States, 3:19.52; 2, Soviet Union, 3:19.89; 3, East Germany, 3:20.47; 4, France, 3:21.77; 5, Singapore, 3:34.54; 6, United Arab Emirates, 3:58.92; Egypt and Austria disq.

FINAL: 1, United States (C Jacobs, T Dalbey, T Jager, M Biondi), 3:16.53 (world record); 2, Soviet Union (G Prigoda, Y Bashkatov, N Evseev, V Tkachenko), 3:18.33; 3, East Germany (D Richter, T Flemming, L Hinneburg, S Zesner), 3:19.82; 4, France, 3:20.02; 5, Sweden, 3:21.07; 6, West Germany, 3:21.65; 7, Great Britain, 3:21.71; 8, Italy, 3:22.93.

Women

800 metres freestyle

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, P Amorim (Br), 8min 51.95sec; 2, T Atkin (GB), 9:00.04; 3, R Garay (P Rico), 9:04.62.

HEAT TWO: 1, T Bruce (US), 8:31.57; 2, J Elford (Aus), 8:32.14; 3, A Strumenlieva (Bul), 8:35.40; 4, M Melchiorri (It), 8:40.63; 5, K Faure (Fr), 8:41.64; 6, A Russ (WG), 8:49.31; 7, E Mortensen (Den), 8:53.67; 8, C Prunier (Fr), 8:57.22.

HEAT THREE: 1, A Strauss (EG), 8:26.07; 2, J Evans (US), 8:26.13; 3, D Wurzburger (Can), 8:36.24; 4, S Ortwig (WG), 8:41.95; 5, K Mellor (GB), 8:44.64; 6, H Nurul (Mal), 8:50.84; 7, C Janssens (Bel), 8:51.22; 8, J Csabal (Hun), 8:56.37.

HEAT FOUR: 1, J McDonald (Aus), 8:29.68; 2, A Möhring (EG), 8:30.95; 3, I Arnould (Bel), 8:34.56; 4, I Dalby (Nor), 8:38.33; 5, T Hosoda (Japan), 8:39.55; 6, N Trefilova (USSR), 8:43.19; 7, P-P Jensen (Den), 8:50.82; 8, Yan Ming (China), 9:00.81.

FINALISTS: Arnould, Bruce, McDonald, Strauss, Evans, Möhring, Elford, Strumenlieva.

100 metres butterfly

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, M Cuesta (Costa Rica), 1min 07.66sec; 2, O Kieu (Viet), 1:07.96; 3, A Fortin (Honduras), 1:07.99; 4, A Munk (HK), 1:08.35; 5, S Pickering (Fiji), 1:10.51; 6, C Munch (Fiji), 1:12.03; 7, E Freire (Angola), 1:12.27; 8, B Gayle (Guam), 1:12.84.

HEAT TWO: 1, M Fernandz (Sp), 1:02.47; 2, Lee Hong-Mi (S Kor), 1:04.36; 3, S Neves (Por), 1:04.60; 4, B Morales-Massella (Guatemala), 1:05.02; 5, M Bruan (Mex), 1:05.37; 6, Kim Soo-Jin (S Kor), 1:06.14; 7, Cee Kay Hung (HK), 1:06.94; 8, Chang Hui-Chien (Taiwan), 1:07.36.

HEAT THREE: 1, J Jorgensen (US), 1:00.97; 2, M Meagher (US), 1:01.48; 3, N Mileva (Bul), 1:02.01; 4, K Takahashi (Japan), 1:02.04; 5, I Tocchini (It), 1:02.07; 6, A Cripps (GB), 1:03.34; equal 7, S Pura (Rom) and E Viola (It), 1:03.91.

HEAT FOUR: 1, K Otto (EG), 1:00.46; 2, Qian Hong (China), 1:00.68; 3, Wang Xiaohong (China), 1:01.16; 4, J Delord (Fr), 1:02.24; 5, T Kitano (Japan), 1:02.35; 6, C Foot (GB) 1:02.76; 7, I Beyermann (WG), 1:02.85; 8, A Nugent (Can), 1:03.69.

HEAT FIVE: 1, C Plewinski (Fr), 59.34; 2, B Weigang (EG), 59.97; 3, C Van Bentum (Neth), 1:00.94; 4, S Kopchikova (USSR), 1:01.65; 5, F Alessandri (Aus), 1:01.90; 6, G Rehaas (WG), 1:02.27; 7, J Kerr (Can), 1:02.91; 8, A Eriksson (Swe), 1:03.45.

FINAL: 1, Otto, 59.00 (Olympic record); 2, Weigang, 59.45; 3, Qian Hong, 59.52; 4, Plewinski, 59.58; 5, Jorgensen, 1min 00.48sec; 6, Van Bentum, 1:00.62; 7, Meagher, 1:00.97; 8, Wang Xiaohong, 1:01.15.

100 metres breaststroke

(Fastest eight qualify for final)

HEAT ONE: 1, M Hidalgo (Costa Rica), 1min 18.42sec; 2, K Moreno (Bol), 1:22.62; 3, A Martins (Angola), 1:24.01; 4, N Cruz (Angola), 1:24.46.

HEAT TWO: 1, K Horning (Peru), 1:14.03; 2, S Carwal (Taiwan), 1:15.47; 3, A Boscatto (Arg), 1:16.67; 4, S Niehaus (Costa Rica), 1:16.65; 5, V Aracil (Arg), 1:19.60; 6, D Chanmugam (Sri Lanka), 1:20.18; 7, Chen Y F Kimberly (Taiwan), 1:20.95.

HEAT THREE: 1, Park Sung-Won (S Kor), 1:12.32; 2, B Becue (Bel), 1:12.90; 3, R Runnolfsdottir (Ice), 1:13.01; 4, Y Nishioka (Japan), 1:13.36; 5, V Bojaryn (Fr), 1:13.55; 6, N Arendt (Lux), 1:14.99; 7, P Brulhart (Switz), 1:15.00, 8, K Stawicka (Pol), 1:15.41.

HEAT FOUR: 1, T Dangalakova (Bul), 1:08.35 (Olympic record); 2, Y Volkova (USSR), 1:09.86; 3, T McFarlane (US), 1:10.59; 4, S Brownsdon (GB), 1:11.66; 5, B Dahm (WG) 1:12.98; 6, P Louvrier (Fr), 1:13.21; 7, Chen Huiling (China), 1:13.65.

HEAT FIVE: 1, A Frenkeva (Bul), 1:10.09; 2, A Rex (EG), 1:10.61; 3, Huang Xiaomin (China), 1:10.78; 4, S Kouzmina (USSR), 1:10.83; 5, K Duggan (Can), 1:10.95; 6, M Della Valle (It), 1:11.25; 7, L Moes (Neth), 1:11.84; 8, M Hohmann (GB), 1:12.67.

HEAT SIX: 1, S Hörner (EG), 1:08.35 (Olympic record); 2, A Higson (Can), 1:09.39; 3, I Lempereur (Bel), 1:11.00; 4, S Johnson (US), 1:11.09; 5, G Csepe (Hun) 1:11.10; 6, L Hooiveld (Aus), 1:11.40; 7, D Chylak (Pol), 1:12.38; 8, H Nagasaki (Japan), 1:16.83.

FINAL: 1, Dangalakova, 1:07.95; 2, Frenkeva, 1:08.74; 3, Hörner, 1:08.83; 4, Higson, 1:08.86; 5, E Volkova (USSR), 1:09.24; 6, McFarlane, 1:09.60; 7, Huang Xiaomin, 1:10.53; 8, Rex, 1:10.67.

TABLE TENNIS

Men's singles

First stage

GROUP A: A Cooke (GB) bt J-M Saive (Bel), 21-11, 21-16, 21-12.

GROUP F: D Douglas (GB) bt A Abdelhalim, 21-11, 21-16, 21-7; Douglas bt H Huei-Chieh (Taiwan), 12-21, 21-13, 21-15, 21-13.

GROUP G: C Prean (GB) bt J Gideon (Can), 20-22, 21-13, 21-18, 21-13.

TENNIS

Men's doubles

FIRST ROUND: H Skoff and A Antonitsch (Austria) bt A-J Urbina and L-A Gonzalez Alvarez (Col), w/o; J Tuckniss and M Gurr (Zim) bt V Caballero and H Chapacu (Par), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; L Mattar and R Acioly (Br) bt S Matsuoka and T Tsuchihashi (Japan), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; M Mecir and M Srejber (Cz) bt Liu Shuhua and Ma Keqin (China), 7-5, 6-1, 6-4; K Evernden and B Derlin (NZ) bt J Frana and M Jaite (Arg), 6-4, 4-1, retired; A Mansdorf and G Bloom (Isr) bt E Collins and O Casey (Ire), 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; L Markovics and G Koeves (Hun) bt L Lavalle and A Moreno (Mex), 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; H Gunthardt and J Hlasek (Switz) bt O Camporese and D Nargiso (It), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6; E Sanchez and S Casal (Sp) bt A Volkov and A Olkhovsky (USSR), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; K Flach and R Seguso (US) bt S Suharyadi and D Walalangi (Indo), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5.

Women's singles

SECOND ROUND: P Shriver (US) bt J Hetherington (Can), 6-2, 6-3; S Graf (WG) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 7-5, 6-1; K Maleeva (Bul) bt G Miro (Br), 7-5, 6-1; N Zvereva (USSR) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; C Suire (Fr) bt Lee Jeong-Myung (S Kor), 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; B Paulus (Austria) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; L Savchenko (USSR) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-7, 7-6, 9-7; Z Garrison (US) bt C Hernandez (Mex), 6-1, 6-4.

WATER POLO

GROUP A: West Germany 18, South Korea 2; Italy 7, Australia 5; Soviet Union, 18 France 4. Standings after three games: 1, West Germany, 6pts; 2, Soviet Union, 5; 3, Italy, 5; 4, France, 2; 5, Australia, 0; 6, South Korea, 0.

GROUP B: Yugoslavia 17, Greece 7; United States, 14, China 7; Hungary 6, Spain 6. Standings after three games: 1, Spain, 5pts; 2, Yugoslavia, 4; 3, United States, 4; 4, Hungary, 3; 5, Greece, 2; 6, China, 0.

YACHTING

Soling

FOURTH RACE: 1, United States, 0.0pts; 2, Canada, 3.0; 3, Great Britain (L Smith, E Leask, J Richards), 5.7; 4, Sweden, 8.0; 5, Brazil, 10.0; 6, East Germany, 11.7; 7, Japan, 13.0; 8, Argentina, 14.0; 9, Uruguay, 15.0; 10, Soviet Union, 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, United States, 11.0; 2, East Germany 20.4; 3, Sweden 42.7; 4, Great Britain 43.1.

Star

FOURTH RACE: 1, M Johansson and M Hansson (Swe), 0.0pts; 2, D R Macdonald and D B Macdonald (Can), 3.0; 3, G Gorla and A Peraboni (It), 5.7; 4, A Hagen and F Girr (WG), 8.0; 5, M Reynolds and H Haenel (US), 10.0; 6, C Beashel and G Torpy (Aus), 11.7; 7, M McIntyre and P Valle (GB), 13.0; 8, V Soloviev and A Zybin (USSR), 14.0; 9, A Geert-Jensen and M Just (Den), 15.0; 10, A Zanetti and J Labandeira (Arg), 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Reynolds and Haenel, 32.0; 2, McIntyre and Valle, 32.7; 3, Hagen and Girr, 32.7.

Tornado

FOURTH RACE: 1, J-Y Le Deroff and N Henard (Fr), 0.0pts; 2, Y Konovalov and S Kravtsov (USSR), 3.0; 3, L Grael and C Freitas (Br), 5.7; 4, C Timms and R Sellers (NZ), 8.0; 5, N Patschel and C Claus (Aus), 10.0; 6, R White and J Newman (GB), 11.7; 7, G Zuccoli and L Santella (It), 13.0; 8, D Sweeney and K Smith (Can), 14.0; 9, W Van Bladel and C Van Bladel (Neth), 15.0; 10, B Schaffenus and R Colman (Aus), 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Le Deroff and Henard, 6.0; 2, Timms and Sellers, 29.7; 3, Grael and Freitas, 31.4; 8, White and Newman, 52.7.

Flying Dutchman

FOURTH RACE: 1, Y Sela and E Amir (Isr), 0.0pts; 2, J Bojsen-Moller and C Gronborg (Den), 3.0; 3, P Foerster and A Goldman (US), 5.7; 4, M Jones and G Knowles (NZ), 8.0; 5, S Borodinov and V Budantsev (USSR), 10.0; 6, R Yeoman and N McDonald (GB), 11.7; 7, L Doreste and M Noguer (Sp), 13.0; 8, A Batzill and P Lang (WG), 14.0; 9, M Celon and C Celon (It), 15.0; 10, U Lehmann and S Maedicke (EG), 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Bojsen-Moller and Gronborg, 14.0; 2, Jones and Knowles, 26.0; 3, F McLaughlin and J Millen (Can), 40.7; 14, Yeoman and McDonald 73.70.

Finn

FOURTH RACE: 1, O Khopyorsky (USSR), 0.0pts; 2, S Childerley (GB), 3.0; 3, R Spitzauer (Austria), 5.7; 4, J Cutler (NZ), 8.0; 5, L Hjortnaes (Den), 10.0; 6, T Schmid (WG), 11.7; 7, L Rechardt (Fin), 13.0; 8, W O'Hara (Ire), 14.0; 9, C Pratt (Aus), 15.0; 10, B Ledbetter (US), 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Childerley, 41.0; 2, Cutler, 47; 3, Schmid, 48.7.

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FOURTH RACE: 1, T Tyniste and T Tyniste (USSR), 0.0pts; 2, N Cochrane and G McIquham (Can), 3.0; 3, D-N Torten and R-Jacob Torten (Isr), 5.7; 4, F Leon and F Sanchez (Sp), 8.0; 5, G Nyan and Z Nyari (Hun), 10.0; 6, F Tarapore and K Rao (India), 11.7; 7, R Drontmann and M Drontmann (Neth), 13.0; 8, P Koskulivon and J Koskulivon (Fin), 14.0; 9, S Montefusco and P Montefusco (It), 15.0; 10, T Peponnet and L Pillot (Fr), 16.0. British placing: 20, J Belben and A Hemmings, 26.00. Leaders after four races: 1, Peponnet and Pillot, 21.7; 2, J Shadden and C McKee (US), 33.0; 3, Cochrane and McIquham 38.7; 15, Belben and Hemmings, 67.0.

Women's 470

FOURTH RACE: 1, L Moskalenko and I Chunikhovskaya (USSR), 0.0pts; 2, A Jolly and L Jewell (US), 3.0; 3, S Meyer and K Adikofer (WG), 5.7; 4, B Lemstrom and A Lemstrom (Fin), 8.0; 5, A Gonzalez and P Guerra (Sp), 10.0; 6, D Jarvis and S Hay (GB), 11.7; 7, K Johnson and G Johnson (Can), 13.0; 8, S Theel and S Preuss (EG), 14.0; 9, A Bacchiega and N Monico (It), 15.0; 10, N Green and K Davis (Aus), 16.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Jolly and Jewell, 8.7; 2, Moskalenko and Chunikhovskaya, 26.7; 3, Lemstrom and Lemstrom, 29.0; 15, Jarvis and Hay, 75.7.

Boardsailing

FOURTH RACE: 1, C Iniesta (Sp), 0.0pts; 2, F Wirz (It), 3.0; 3, R Nagy (Fr), 5.7; 4, B Verschoor (Neth), 8.0; 5, B Kendall (NZ), 10.0; 6, J Boersma (Netherlands Antilles), 11.7; 7, D Meyer (WG), 13.0; 8, R Myerscough (Can), 14.0; 9, R Milosevic (Ven), 15.0; 10, G Rebello (Br), 16.0. British placing: 22, S Goody 28.0. Leaders after four races: 1, Kendall 21.4; 2, M Gebhardt (US), 34.0; 3, Wirz 35.0; 13, Goody, 79.0.

VOLLEYBALL

Women

GROUP A: East Germany bt Japan, 3-2 (11-15, 16-14, 4-15, 15-2, 15-7); Soviet Union bt South Korea, 3-0 (15-6, 15-8, 15-7). Standings after two games: 1, Soviet Union, 3pts; 2, Japan, 3; 3, East Germany, 3; 4, South Korea, 3.

GROUP B: United States bt Brazil, 3-2 (14-16, 15-5, 15-13, 12-15, 15-7); Peru bt China, 3-2 (13-15, 15-13, 7-15, 15-12, 16-14). Standings after two games: 1, Peru, 4pts; 2, China, 3; 3, United States, 3; 4, Brazil, 2.

BASEBALL

(Demonstration sport)

PRELIMINARY ROUND: South Korea 2, Australia 1; Canada 8, United States 7.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B	Total
Soviet Union	16	4	13	33
East Germany	9	10	9	28
United States	6	5	4	15
Bulgaria	5	6	3	14
Hungary	5	3	2	10
West Germany	3	3	4	10
Great Britain	2	4	3	9
Italy	2	2	3	7
Czechoslovakia	2	1	0	3
Yugoslavia	2	0	1	3
Norway	2	0	0	2
China	1	5	5	11
Australia	1	4	0	5
South Korea	1	3	3	7
Poland	1	3	2	6
Romania	1	3	0	4
France	1	1	2	4
New Zealand	1	0	2	3
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Surinam	1	0	0	1
Turkey	1	0	0	1
Sweden	0	2	2	4
Japan	0	2	1	3
Finland	0	1	1	2
Costa Rica	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Greece	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	0	1	1

BRITISH MEDALS

GOLD: A Moorhouse (swimming: men's 100 metres breaststroke); M Cooper (shooting: smallbore free rifle, three positions).

SILVER: I Stark (equestrianism: three-day event); M Phillips, K Straker, V Leng and I Stark (equestrianism: three-day event team); A Allan (shooting: smallbore free rifle, three positions); N Gillingham (swimming: men's 200 metres breaststroke).

BRONZE: A Jameson (swimming: men's 100 metres butterfly); V Leng (equestrianism: three-day event); R Phelps, D Mahony and G Brookhouse (modern pentathlon team).

KEY

Alg: Algeria; Arg: Argentina; Aus: Australia; Bah: Bahamas; Bar: Barbados; Bel: Belgium; Berm: Bermuda; Bol: Bolivia; Br: Brazil; Bul: Bulgaria; Can: Canada; Col: Colombia; Cz: Czechoslovakia; Den: Denmark; Dom Rep: Dominican Republic; Ec: Ecuador; EG: East Germany; El Sal: El Salvador; Fin: Finland; Fr: France; GB: Great Britain; Gr: Greece; Guy: Guyana; HK: Hong Kong; Hon: Honduras; Hun: Hungary; Ice: Iceland; Indo: Indonesia; Ire: Republic of Ireland; Isr: Israel; It: Italy; Jam: Jamaica; Ken: Kenya; Lux: Luxembourg; Mal: Malaysia; Mex: Mexico; Mor: Morocco; Neth: Netherlands; Nor: Norway; NZ: New Zealand; Pak: Pakistan; Pan: Panama; Par: Paraguay; Phil: Philippines; Pol: Poland; Por: Portugal; P Rico: Puerto Rico; Rom: Romania; Saudi: Saudi Arabia; Sing: Singapore; S Kor: South Korea; Sp: Spain; Swe: Sweden; Switz: Switzerland; Tan: Tanzania; Thai: Thailand; Tri: Trinidad and Tobago; Tun: Tunisia; Tur: Turkey; UAE: United Arab Emirates; Uga: Uganda; Uru: Uruguay; US: United States; USSR: Soviet Union; Ven: Venezuela; Viet: Vietnam; WG: West Germany; Yug: Yugoslavia; Zam: Zambia; Zim: Zimbabwe.

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LESSON 1 "A POTTED HISTORY"

Did David slay Goliath in a play off? Was Stonehenge a Wiltshire Club House? Did the Vikings tee off from their burial mounds? Golf's origins may be unknown, but the early golfer's pursuit of excellence is legendary.

FIG. 1: The year was 1100A.D. The setting, a knoll in Scotland. A sewn leather spheroid packed with feathers, or 'feathery,' was whacked for the first time in history. Enter the golf ball.

: We pick up the game in the Middle Ages, where 'Bandy Ball' or 'Australian Rules Golf' was played. Note the cunning use of boomerang and returning golf ball.

FIG. 3: In later years, 'El Sueca' was all the rage in Chile. Informal golfing attire was obligatory. As was a walking stick.

FIG. 4: It wasn't until the early seventeenth century, when the English grasped the rudiments of the game. London socialites were soon seen to be 'bashing' their balls around the exclusive Pall Mall Golf Club.

FIG. 5: A 'Pall Mall Bash.'

FIG. 6: Prior to the great golf craze of the late nineteenth century, the Scots were the true craftsmen of the golf club. The McEwan clan of Edinburgh specialised in the 'ribbed-faced mashie-niblick,' for those tricky little cart rut shots.

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OLYMPICS REPORT

Heirs apparent ten times over

Daley Thompson, the decathlon gold medal winner in the last two Olympics but beaten in the 1987 world championships, will have a point to prove next week. **Pat Butcher** assesses the strength of his challengers

Christian Plaziat

(France)

Christian Plaziat is the coming man in the decathlon. A post office employee from Lyon, he has enjoyed the sort of progress in the last five years to suggest that he will be at least among the leaders to threaten to take Thompson's title. But French observers see his positive attitude making him favourite for the 10 events, which begin at nine on Wednesday morning here (midnight BST).

Plaziat, aged 24, recorded 7,787 points in 1983 – when Thompson was winning his first world title in Helsinki. An injury when he moved to Paris to train the following year kept him out of contention for the last Olympic Games.

But, under the coaching of Carmen and Silvio Hodos, Romanian exiles, Plaziat started to make the steady progress which has taken him to the top of the world lists this year.

In 1985, he moved on to 8,018 pts, compared to Thompson's world record of 8,847, set in Los Angeles the previous year. Plaziat then moved on to 8,196 in 1986, and started to make a name for himself internationally when he finished seventh in the European championships in Stuttgart, where Thompson won again.

Plaziat became even better known when he beat Thompson in an indoor pentathlon in Paris at the start of last year. The Frenchman did it again at the world championships in Rome, when he finished fourth in 8,315, another improvement.

Plaziat has gone under 48sec in the 400 metres for the first time this year, and vaulted 5.10m. But his weak points remain the throws – the shot, discus and, particularly javelin, which, coming seventh in the order of events, could prove crucial to his chances at that late stage of the contest. He is regarded as a formidable competitor, and has a reputation for showmanship, which could have him emulating Thompson in doing backflips following successful jumps.

Juergen Hingsen and Siggi Wentz

(West Germany)

Even when Thompson was at his worst last year, Juergen Hingsen and Siggi Wentz could not reverse the habits of the last decade – when they lost consistently to the Briton. Wentz finished second in the world championships, to Torsten Voss. And Hingsen had to drop out with an injury after four events.

This year could be even worse, for both are carrying injuries. Hingsen has suffered most from Thompson's performances. The statuesque West German set world records in 1982, 83 and 84, only to be beaten by Thompson in major events a few weeks later, the European and World championships, and Olympic Games respectively. In the last, Thompson also took his world record. Hingsen was again second to Thompson in the 1986 European championships.

Until a few weeks ago, that was the last decathlon that Hingsen finished. The knee problem, which caused his withdrawal in Rome last year, has become a long-term blight to his career. "It's like somebody putting a knife in every time I jump," he says. He finally realized, too late, that he should have had an operation two years ago. It was only a last chance offer from the West German federation to compete in tandem with a junior event in Laage – where Thompson turned up, ostensibly to help his rival, and showed how suspect his own form was – that enabled Hingsen even to qualify for Seoul. But a (probable) last chance lure of gold will keep Hingsen going.

Wentz had looked the most likely successor to Thompson for the last couple of years. He thought so too. In 1986, after finishing third in the European championships in Stuttgart, he launched a project called Enterprise Gold. He got sponsorship, took on coaches and advisers, and even made a trip to Seoul to familiarize himself with the conditions.

Then he became injured, an adductor muscle in the left leg, and a foot injury while kicking a ball. He has done no jumping training since mid-July, and friends say he is more introverted than ever. That may have something to do with the potential *loss of more than £300,000 in* sponsorship if he does not win. But he has still achieved 8,496pts this year, and says he is hoping for a performance similar to Rome.

Thorsten Voss

(East Germany)

The measure of Thorsten Voss's achievement last year in winning the world championships is that, even with other gold medal winners, like Thomas Schönlebe and Silke Möller, Voss was awarded the accolade of East German Athlete of the Year.

For not only is this the medal which everyone sees as being struck in "heavy gold", it also marked the wresting of the decathlon initiative from the West Germans, who, apart from Thompson, have held it for the last decade.

The other factor which the East Germans appreciate is "peaking" for the big events. Which is why Voss has been relatively quiet so far this year, content with a sole decathlon, in Berlin in mid-July, in which he scored 8,387pts.

Voss is similarly secretive about his true form, saying, "the victory last year was unexpected. But it doesn't mean anything in terms of this year. My rivals will be out for revenge, they're certainly capable of it. All I can do is my best".

THE LEADING CONTENDERS' BEST SCORES

	Score (Year)	100m	LJ	SP	HJ	400m	110mH	DT	PV	JT	1500m
THOMPSON	8847 (1984)	10.44	8.01	15.72	2.03	46.97	14.33	46.56	5.00	65.24	4:35.00
HINGSEN	8832 (1984)	10.70	7.76	16.42	2.07	48.05	14.07	49.36	4.90	59.86	4:19.75
WENTZ	8762 (1983)	10.89	7.49	15.35	2.09	47.38	14.00	46.90	4.80	70.68	4:24.90
VOSS	8680 (1987)	10.69	7.88	14.98	2.10	47.96	14.13	43.96	5.10	58.02	4:25.93
PLAZIAT	8512 (1988)	10.69	7.74	13.51	2.16	48.16	14.15	43.74	4.90	55.76	4:24.01

Thompson: winning world-record score, 1984 Games. **Hingsen:** Mannheim, June 9, West German championships. **Wentz:** Bernhausen, 1983 West German championships. **Plaziat:** Tallence, France, French championships. **Voss:** 1987 world championship total.

HOW THE POINTS ARE AWARDED

Decathlon scoring tables seek to achieve the impossible: to compare the merit of performances in such totally unrelated disciplines as pole-vaulting, discus throwing and running 1500 metres. There can be no totally satisfactory method, although over the years the tables have been refined and up-dated to take account of prevailing international performance standards in each event.

For the first Olympic decathlon in 1912, tables were based on awarding 1,000 points for a mark equal to the existing Olympic record with scores worked out on a sliding scale.A major change occurred in 1934 with the use of a mathematical formula which produced scoring increments which were not fixed as in the previous tables. For example, a 0.1 second difference in the 100 metres attracted more points at a high level of performance than at a lower level.

New tables introduced in 1950 were made redundant when the advent of the fibre-glass pole made nonsense of scores awarded in the pole-vault.

New tables were adopted in 1964, and those currently in use (taking into account electrical timing) were introduced in 1984. Our table provides an indication of the spread of points awarded.

100 metres		Long jump		Shot		High jump		400 metres	
Secs	Pts	Metres	Pts	Metres	Pts	Metres	Pts	Secs	Pts
10.40	999	8.00	1061	16.50	882	2.20	992	47.00	959
10.50	975	7.90	1035	16.25	867	2.15	944	47.20	948
10.60	952	7.80	1010	16.00	851	2.10	896	47.40	939
10.70	929	7.70	985	15.75	836	2.05	850	47.60	929
10.80	906	7.60	960	15.50	820	2.00	803	47.80	919
10.90	883	7.50	935	15.25	805			48.00	910
11.00	861			15.00	790			48.20	899
				13.50	698				

110m hurdles		Discus		Pole vault		Javelin		1,500 metres	
Secs	Pts	Metres	Pts	Metres	Pts	Metres	Pts	Mins	Pts
14.00	975	50.00	870	5.10	941	75	966	4:20	812
14.10	962	49.00	850	5.00	910	70	889	4:23	791
14.20	949	48.00	829	4.90	880	65	813	4:26	771
14.30	936	47.00	808	4.80	849	60	738	4:29	751
14.40	924	46.00	787	4.70	819	55	663	4:32	732
14.50	911	45.00	767					4:35	712
		44.00	746						
		43.00	726						

A big softie tells **Simon Barnes** of the day he saw the light

Everyone in the team will be cheering SuperElvis

Only Britain could establish the tradition of the lovable fighter. Affable Henry Cooper, sweet Frank Bruno, and out here at the Olympics we have Elvis Gordon, a 23-stone judo fighter, and the nicest fellow you could wish to meet.

He is the kind of man that small children instinctively use as a climbing frame. At overseas events he is frequently seen half-buried under children, affable as Baloo the bear. The children may not understand a word he says, but they make a beeline for him and clamber all over him.

In still pictures, he looks like the heavy in a James Bond film, with his tough, battered-looking face. But it wouldn't work. He keeps breaking up with laughter. "I might look a mean type," he said. "But I'm not really."

Here he fights in the heavyweight class next Saturday. He is as skilful and as strong as any, and he has an edge of real speed. He is not just fast for a man his size; he regularly takes money off younger and lighter men who think they can outsprint him.

With his blinding combination of strength and speed, he would probably be a millionaire linebacker if he were an American. As it is, he is unemployed and living in Wolverhampton.

No one has a bad word to say for him. He is a marvellous team man as well as a great medal hope; the team's great joker and tension-breaker. He is a man greatly loved. Probably the entire team would sacrifice their medal chances if it would give Elvis a gold. After all, they know that Elvis would willingly sacrifice anything for any one of his teammates.

On his day, he can beat anyone in the world. But the thing is, you never know when his day is going to be. Some days, his mind will be floating somewhere out in the asteroid belt, and any no-hoper can chuck him across the room.

It reminds me of the stories that the Tottenham and Argentina footballer, Ossie Ardiles, tells of his colleague Ricky Villa. "Some days he would just say, I don't feel like it today. And in the match he would do nothing. Other mornings he would say, you know, today I *feel* like it. And he would be the best player in the world."

Gordon has much the same topsy-turviness, but his talents are even less amenable to prediction. At the last world championships he began his campaign with his mind in neutral and crashed out of the heavyweight contest in quick time.

Fortunately he was in two classes. And it was just as if he had slipped into a telephone kiosk to change his personality. Out came SuperElvis in the Open class to win the silver. But at the Olympics, he does not have the luxury of an event to fail in. He only has the heavyweight event. He has to come straight out into a tough match, against a Brazilian he has never fought before.

SuperElvis will win it, so long as he is available for comment. He will let you know about that on the day. This quirkiness of temperament is, in a strange way, one of Gordon's best assets. "It's very hard for an opponent to know what I'm going to do," he said. "I'm unorthodox. I never fight the same way, I never do the same as last time. I'll go away, maybe work on a different technique, maybe not perfect it as such, but I'll put it in at one of these meetings. I never stick to one thing. Some people, you know they have three techniques. But I don't. I'll do something else."

As a way of keeping opponents off-balance, it can work wonders. Off-balance is how a judo fighter wants an opponent to be. But Gordon is just as capable of starting an event, no matter how important, with his own mental posture thoroughly out of kilter.

It smacks of indiscipline, you would think, of sloppy training, of poor attitude. It smacks of amateurism. "I can agree with those who say I am a bad trainer, but only to a certain extent. I mean, you can't win medals at the Worlds and the Europeans by not training. Something's going on somewhere. . .but you do something wrong six years ago, people remember it."

Gordon had a personal breakthrough in the European championships in 1987. He won two bronzes, no better because he was injured in the semi-finals of both classes. All the same, it was important experience for him. "It was then I just, say, saw the light, you know? Realized I could do it, and my fitness was getting better. I really was one of the best. It's something you've got to get through."

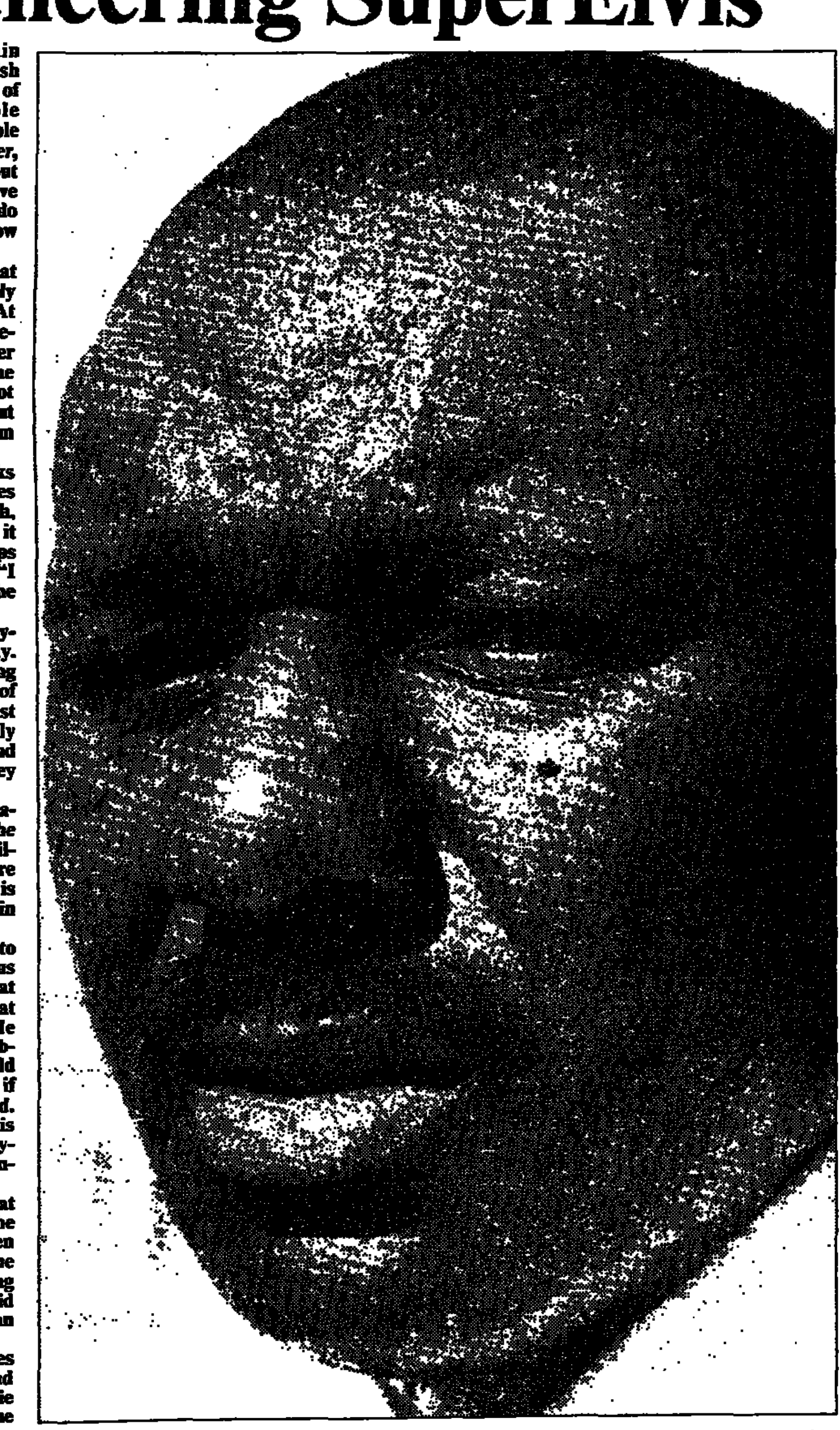
Gordon is emphatically a sportsman, not a fighter. "It's not like boxing. You can't work out your aggression by hitting. It's all so much a mental thing, you've got to make the other person *curl up* more. You see, judo is not just strength. It's *everything*."

Gordon has worked as a night club bouncer, though not one who ever needed to get his hands too dirty. "Never really had to use any skills, just grabbed a few people round the throat." He has a racketty past, and his coach, Mac Abbotts, who has trained Gordon from the age of 13, has remarked that Gordon would have been in prison but for judo.

"Ah, no, that's a bit wrong. I'm 30 now, two kids, responsibilities. Everyone gets into wrong things when they're young. When I was 17, 18. . .I did judo at school, but I'd break out now and again. But no, these days I've got a lot to think about."

Naturally, all his thoughts – those most under his own control – are focused on a gold medal. Not necessarily his own. It's the team that matters to him. Judo players are devoted to the team ethic, the "family" and they sincerely believe that a medal for one is a medal for all. It is quite humbling, and enviable.

"I want this competition to be the big one of my life. . . just in case the rest of the lads don't make it, and I have to do it myself. I want to do it for myself, and my town. . .but especially for the lads. One of us has to do it. . .I hope they don't leave it all up to me, though!" And Elvis roared with laughter. I hope very much that SuperElvis is in attendance next week.



Elvis Gordon: an unpredictable joker in Britain's judo pack (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

FULL GUIDE TO THE SECOND WEEK IN SEOUL

Today

Carl Lewis, of the United States, and Ben Johnson, of Canada, are expected to have a repeat of the 100 metres final at the 1987 world championships, which Johnson won in a world record 9.83sec. Lewis is favourite to keep the title

Television

BBC1: 0000-0630, 0630-0900, 0905-1700, 2325-0630 (Sunday).
ITV: 1130-1300, 1615-1645, 1710-1745.
C4: 0700-0930, 2320-0700 (tomorrow).

Programme

ATHLETICS: Men: 0030, 400m, first round; 0040, javelin, qualifying round; 0300, 100m, semi-finals; 0300, high jump, qualifying round; 0330, triple jump, final; 0430, 100m, final; 0610, 800m, second round; 0700, 400m hurdles, semi-finals. Women: 0130, 400m, second round; 0200, 100m, first round; 0440, 100m, second round; 0510, 800m, heats; heptathlon: 0045, long jump, 0500, javelin, 0730, 800m.
BASKETBALL: 0045, 0245, 0530, 0730, 1030 and 1230, men: preliminary rounds.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, preliminary rounds.
CYCLING: 0800, men: sprint final, 4,000m team pursuit semi-finals and final, points race final. 0800, women: sprint final.
DIVING: 0100 and 0700, women's springboard preliminaries.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0000 and 0500, team dressage.
FENCING: Men: 0500, épée elimination round; 1100, épée final.
GYMNASTICS: 0300, men: apparatus finals.
HANDBALL: 0100, 0230, 0500, 0630, 0900, 1030, men: preliminary round.
HOCKEY: Men: Preliminary round: 0000, West Germany v South Korea; 0145, Netherlands v Kenya; 0430, Great Britain v Soviet Union; 0430, Australia v Pakistan; 0615, Canada v India, Argentina v Spain.
ROWING: Men's finals: 0150, coxed fours; 0210, double sculls; 0230, coxless pairs; 0250, single sculls. Women's finals: 0100, coxed fours; 0110, double sculls; 0130, coxless pairs.
SHOOTING: Men: 0000-0215, air pistol, 60 shots; 0330, air pistol, 10 shots, final. Open: 0000-0300, clay target skeet, 50 targets, third round; 0500, clay target skeet, 25 targets, final.
SWIMMING: Men: 0100, 50m freestyle, heats, 100m backstroke, heats, 200m butterfly, heats, 1,500m freestyle, heats; 1100, 50m freestyle, final, 100m backstroke, final, 200m butterfly, final. Women: 0100, 200m individual medley, heats, 4x100m medley relay, heats; 1100, 200m individual medley, final, 800m freestyle, final, 4x100m medley relay, final.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0000, 0430 and 1130, doubles first stage. 0120, 0550, 0900 and 1040, singles first stage. Women: 00.30, 0500 and 0950, singles, first stage; 0640, doubles, first stage.
TENNIS: 0200, men: singles, third round. 0200, women: singles, second round; doubles, first round.
VOLLEYBALL: 00.45, 0300, 0530, 0730, 0930, 1130, men: preliminary matches.
WEIGHTLIFTING: Up to 82.5kg: 0500, group C; 0800, group B; 1200, group A, final.
YACHTING: 0430-0830, fifth race.

Tomorrow

Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, Olymp'c champions in a coxed four in Los Angeles, are in the coxed pairs and will be hoping to win more gold today. Much depends on how tired the two Britons are after the coxless pairs final a day earlier.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 1015-1300, 2340-0630 (Monday).
BBC2: 1400-1830.
ITV: 1100-1300, 1600-1700.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0925, 2330-0700 (Monday).

Programme

ATHLETICS: Men: 0000, hammer, qualifying round; 0220, 110m hurdles, first round; 0300, javelin, final; 0310, high jump, final; 0320, 400m, second round; 0400, long jump, qualifying round; 0405, 110m hurdles, second round; 0435, 400m hurdles, final; 0550, 800m, semi-finals. Women: 0130, 400m hurdles, heats; 0300, 100m, semi-finals; 0345, 400m, semi-finals; 0450, 100m, final; 0515, javelin, qualifying round; 0520, 800m, semi-finals; 0620, 3,000m, final.
BASKETBALL: 0045, 0245, 1030 and 1230, women: preliminary rounds.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, preliminary rounds.
DIVING: 0100, women's springboard final.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0000, team dressage; 0500, team dressage, final.
FOOTBALL: Quarter-finals: 0800, winner group B v runner-up group A; 0800, winner group C v runner-up group D; 1000, winner group A v runner-up group B; 1000, winner group D v runner-up group C.
GYMNASTICS: 0300, women: apparatus finals.
HANDBALL: 0500, 0630, 0900 and 10.30, women: preliminary round
HOCKEY: Women: preliminary round: 0000, United States v Great Britain; 0145, Canada v West Germany; 0430, Netherlands v Argentina; 0615, Australia v South Korea.
JUDO: 0800, extra-lightweight (up to 60kg).
ROWING: Men: 0150, coxed pairs, final; 0210, coxless fours, final; 0230, quadruple sculls, final; 0250, eights, final. Women: 0100, single sculls, final; 0110, quadruple sculls, final; 0130, eights, final.
SWIMMING: Men: 0100, 200m individual medley, heats; 4x100m medley relay, final. 1100, 200m individual medley, final; 1,500m freestyle, final; 4x100m medley relay, heats. Women: 0100, 50m freestyle, heats; 200m backstroke, heats; 200m butterfly, heats. 1100, 50m freestyle, final; 200m backstroke, final; 200m butterfly, final.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0000, 0430, 0550, 0900 and 1040, singles, first stage; 0140 and 1130, doubles, first stage. Women: 0050 and 0950, singles, first stage; 0520, doubles, first stage.
TENNIS: 0200, men: doubles, second round; women: singles, third round.
VOLLEYBALL: 0045, 0300, 0930 and 11.30, women: preliminary matches.
WEIGHTLIFTING: Up to 90kg: 0500, group C; 0800, group B; 1200, group A, final.

Monday

Saïd Aouita, of Morocco, the most successfully versatile runner in history, hopes to win the 800 metres. The British trio of Steve Cram, Peter Elliott and Tom McKean should be in a final of an event that saw such dramatic races in Moscow and Los Angeles involving Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 0905-1025, 1105-1200, 1350-1500, 1900-2000, 2330-0630 (Tuesday).
ITV: 1100-1300, 1330-1400, 1715-1745, 1800-1830.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2330-0700 (Tuesday).

Programme

ATHLETICS: Men: 0000, pole vault, qualifying round; 0200, 200m, first round; 0340, hammer, final; 0400, 110m hurdles, semi-finals; 0440, 800m, final; 0500, 200m, second round; 0505, long jump, final; 0530, 3,000m steeplechase, heats; 0630, 110m hurdles, final; 0645, 400m, semi-finals; 0720, 10,000m, final. Women: 0010, 10,000m, heats; 0330, 400m hurdles, semi-finals; 0425, 800m, final; 0600, javelin, final; 0705, 400m, final.
BASKETBALL: Men: 0045 and 0530, classification rounds: 0245, 0730, 1030 and 1230, quarter-finals.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, preliminary rounds.
CANOEING: Men: 500m, heats: 0000, K1; 0040, C1; 0140, K2; 0220, C2; 500m, repêchages: 0500, K1; 0530, C1; 0610, K2; 0640, C2. Women: 500m, heats: 0110, K1; 0250, K2; 500m, repêchages: 0550, K1; 0700, K2.
CYCLING: 0040, women's road race final.
DIVING: 0100 and 0700, men's platform, preliminaries.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0100, jumping, first qualifying round.
FENCING: 2330, men's foil, team preliminary round.
HANDBALL: 0100, 0230, 0500, 0630, 0900 and 1030, men: preliminary round.
HOCKEY: Men: preliminary round: 0000, Australia v Spain; 0145, West Germany v Soviet Union; 0430, Argentina v Kenya; 0430, Great Britain v India; 0615, Netherlands v Pakistan; 0615, Canada v South Korea.
JUDO: 0800, half-lightweight (up to 65kg).
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: 1100, solo preliminaries.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0120, 0550, 0900 and 1040, singles, first stage; 0000, 0430 and 1130, doubles, first stage. Women: 0030, 0500 and 0950, singles, first stage; 0640, doubles, first stage.
TENNIS: 0200, men: singles, quarter-finals; women: doubles, quarter-finals.
VOLLEYBALL: 0045, 0300, 0530, 0730, 0930 and 11.30, men: preliminary matches.
WATER POLO: 0000 and 0500, preliminary rounds.
WEIGHTLIFTING: Up to 100kg: 0500, group C; 0800, group B; 1200, group A, final.
YACHTING: 0430-0830, final race.

Tuesday

Kerrith Brown, a bronze medal winner in Los Angeles, is one of a trio of British judo fighters from Wolverhampton who could finish in the top three this week. He will try to use his notorious strangle on a lightweight field of outstanding ability.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 0905-1025, 1100-1200, 1350-1500, 1900-2000, 2330-0630 (Wednesday).
ITV: 1100-1300, 1330-1400, 1715-1745, 1800-1830.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2330-0700 (Wednesday).

Programme

ARCHERY: Men: open rounds: 0130, 90m; 0530, 70m. Women: open rounds: 0130, 70m; 0530, 60m.
BASKETBALL: Women: 0045 and 0245, semi-finals; 1030 and 1230, classification rounds.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, quarter-finals.
CANOEING: Men: 1,000m, heats: 0000, K1; 0040, C1; 0130, K2; 0210, C2; 0240, K4; 1,000m, repêchages: 0500, K1; 0530, C1; 0610, K2; 0640, C2; 0700, K4. Women: 0110, K4, 500m, heats; 0550, K4, 500m, repêchages.
CYCLING: 0000, men's road race final.
DIVING: 0130, men's platform final.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0500, dressage final.
FENCING: Men: 0000, foil, team elimination round; 1100, foil, team final. Women: 2330, foil, team preliminary round.
FOOTBALL: 0800 and 1100, semi-finals.
HANDBALL: Women: final round: 0500, fourth group A v third group B; 0630, third group A v fourth group B; 0900, runner-up group A v winner group B; 1030, winner group A v runner-up group B.
HOCKEY: Women: 0000, fourth group A v third group B; 0200, third group A v fourth group B. Semi-finals, 0400, winner group A v runner-up group B; 0615, winner group B v runner-up group A.
JUDO: 0800, lightweight (up to 71kg).
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: 1100, duet, preliminaries.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0000, 0430, 0550, 0900 and 1040, singles, first stage; 0140 and 1130, doubles, first stage. Women: 0050 and 0950, singles, first stage; 0520, doubles, first stage.
TENNIS: 0200, men: doubles, quarter-finals; women: singles, quarter-finals.
VOLLEYBALL: 0045, 0300, 0900 and 1130, women: semi-finals.
WATER POLO: 0000 and 0500, preliminary rounds.
WEIGHTLIFTING: Up to 110kg: 0500, group C; 0800, group B; 1200, group A, final.
WRESTLING: 0100 and 0830, freestyle: 48kg, 62kg and 90kg, preliminaries.

Wednesday

Butch Reynolds, whose world 400 metres record was one of the highlights of the athletics season in Europe, may need to beat that time to ensure victory. Last year he was unexpectedly beaten at the world championships. But he has matured this summer and should get ample revenge over Thomas Schönloebe, the winner in Rome.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 0905-1025, 1100-1200, 1350-1500, 1900-2030, 2330-0630 (Thursday).
ITV: 1100-1300, 1330-1400, 1715-1745, 1800-1830.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2335-0700 (Thursday).

Programme

ARCHERY: Men: open rounds: 0130, 50m; 0530, 30m. Women: open rounds: 0130, 50m; 0530, 30m.
ATHLETICS: Men: 0330, pole vault, final; 0355, 400m, final; 0440, 200m, semi-finals; 0540, 5,000m, heats; 0700, 200m, final; 0720, 3,000m steeplechase, semi-finals; decathlon: 0000, 100m; 0050, long jump; 0230, shot; 0410, high jump; 0800, 400m. Women: 0010, discus, qualifying round; 0130, 200m, first round; 0335, 400m hurdles, final; 0415, 200m, second round; 0500, 1,500m, heats; 0530, long jump, qualifying round.
BASKETBALL: Men: 0045 and 0530, classification rounds; 0300 and 0730, semi-finals. Women: 1030, 7th/8th place match; 1230, 3rd/4th place match.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, quarter-finals.
CANOEING: Men: 500m, semi-finals: 0000, K1; 0030, C1; 0130, K2; 0200, C2. Women: 500m, semi-finals: 0100, K1; 0230, K2.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0030, team jumping, final.
FENCING: Men: 2330, sabre, team, preliminary round. Women 0000 foil, team, elimination round; 1100, foil, team, final.
GYMNASTICS: 0900, rhythmic, preliminaries.
HANDBALL: 0100, 2.30, 0500, 0630, 0900 and 10.30, men: preliminary round.
HOCKEY: Men: 0000, fifth group A v sixth group B, fifth group B v sixth group A; 0200, third group A v fourth group B, third group B v fourth group A. Semi-finals, 0400, winner group B v runner-up group A; 0615, winner group A v runner-up group B.
JUDO: 0800, half-middleweight (up to 78kg).
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: 0800, figures.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0000, 0430, 0550, 0900 and 1040, singles, first stage: 0140, 0950 and 1130, doubles, first stage. Women: 0050, singles, first stage; 0520, doubles, first stage.
TENNIS: 0200, men: singles, semi-finals; 0200, women: doubles, semi-finals.
VOLLEYBALL: 0045, 0300, 0900 and 1130, men: semi-finals.
WEIGHTLIFTING: 0200, over 110kg, group B.
WRESTLING: 0100 and 0830, freestyle: 48kg, 52kg, 62kg, 74kg, 90kg and 100kg, preliminaries.

Thursday

Daley Thompson would like a big lead before he starts this second day of the decathlon. He is invariably less prominent over the last five disciplines. A third gold medal in the Games would be a record for an event that demands more versatility than any other in the Olympic programme.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 0900-1025, 1100-1200, 1350-1500, 1900-2000, 2330-0630 (Friday).
ITV: 1100-1300, 1330-1400, 1715-1745, 1800-1830.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2330-0700 (Friday).

Programme

ARCHERY: Men: 0130 and 0530, eighth-finals. Women: 0130, eighth-finals; 0130, quarter-finals.
ATHLETICS: Men: 0545, 1,500m, heats; 0800, 5,000m, semi-finals; decathalon: 0000, 110m hurdles; 0050, discus; 0330, pole vault; 0630, javelin; 0645, 1,500m. Women: 0015, high jump, qualifying round; 0130, 100m hurdles, first round; 0415, discus, final; 0525, 200m, semi-finals; 0650, 100m hurdles, second round; 0700, long jump, final; 0715, 1,500m, semi-finals; 0740, 200m, final.
BASKETBALL: Men: 0530, 11th/12th place match; 0730, 9th/10th place match; 1030, 7th/8th place match; 1230, bronze medal match. Women: 0045, 5th/6th place match; 0300, final.
BOXING: 0100 and 1000, semi-finals.
CANOEING: Men: 1,000m, semi-finals: 0000, K1; 0030, C1;0130, K2; 0200, C2; 0230, K4. Women: 0100, K4, 500m, semi-finals.
FENCING: Men: 2330, épée, team, preliminary round; 0000, sabre, team, elimination round; 1100, sabre, team, final.
GYMNASTICS: 0900, rhythmic, preliminaries.
HANDBALL: Women: final round: 0500, fourth group A v fourth group B; 0630, third group A v third group B; 0900, runner-up group A v runner-up group B; 1030, final, winner group A v winner group B.
HOCKEY: Men: 0400, 9th/10th place match; 0615, 11th/12th place match. Women: 0000, 5th/6th place match; 0200, 7th/8th place match.
JUDO: 0800, middleweight (up to 86kg).
TABLE TENNIS: Men: singles: 0050, eighth-finals; 0450, quarter-finals; 0920, quarter-final losers; doubles; 0230, quarter-finals; 0330, quarter-final losers; 1130, semi-finals. Women: singles: 0000, eighth-finals; 0400, quarter-finals; 0830, quarter-final losers; doubles: 0200, quarter-finals; 0300, quarter-final losers; 1100, semi-finals.
TENNIS: 0200, men: doubles, semi-finals; women: singles, semi-finals.
VOLLEYBALL: Women: 0045, 7th/8th place; 0300, 5th/6th place; 0900, 3rd/4th place; 1130, final.
WEIGHTLIFTING: 0200, over 110kg, group A final.
WRESTLING: Freestyle: 0100: 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 62kg, 68kg, 74kg, 82kg, 90kg, 100kg and 130kg, preliminaries. 0830: 52kg, 57kg, 68kg, 74kg, 82kg, 100kg and 130kg, preliminaries; 48kg, 62kg and 90kg, finals.

Friday

Liz McColgan, of Scotland, is the fastest women's 10,000 metres runner this year. McColgan is the unquestioned favourite after defeating Ingrid Kristiansen, perennial winner of the London Marathon, in her native Norway. No British woman has won a track gold medal since Ann Packer in 1964.

Television

BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0855, 0900-1025, 1105-1255, 1900-2100, 0000-0630 (Saturday).
BBC2: 1415-1600.
ITV: 1100-1300, 1330-1400, 1715-1745, 1800-1830.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2320-0700 (Saturday).

Programme

ARCHERY: Men: 0130, semi-finals; 0530, finals. Women: 0130, semi-finals; 0530, finals.
ATHLETICS: Men: 2300-0240, 50km walk; 0030, discus, qualifying round; 0110, 4x400m, heats; 0340, 1,500m, semi-finals; 0425, 4x100m, heats; 0520, 3,000m steeplechase, final; 0545, 4x400m, semi-finals. Women: 0040, 4x400m, heats; 0200, 100m hurdles, semi-finals; 0330, shot, qualifying round; 0400, high jump, final; 0410, 100m hurdles, final; 0450, 4x100m, heats; 0610, 4x400m, semi-finals; 0640, 10,000m, final.
BASKETBALL: Men: 0045, 5th/6th place match, 0300, final.
CANOEING: Men: 500m, finals: 0000, K1; 0030, C1; 0130, K2; 0200, C2. Women: 500m, finals: 0100, K1, 0230, K2.
EQUESTRIANISM: 0100, individual jumping, second qualifying round.
FENCING: Men: 0000, épée, team, elimination round; 1100 épée, team, final.
FOOTBALL: 1000, 3rd/4th place match.
GYMNASTICS: 0900, rhythmic, final.
HANDBALL: Men, final round 0100, sixth group A v sixth group B, 0230, fifth group A v fifth group B, 0500, fdourth group A v fourth group B; 0630, third group A v third group B.
HOCKEY: Men: 0000, 5th/6th place match; 0200, 7th/8th place match. Women: 0400, 3rd/4th place match; 0615, final.
JUDO: 0800, half-heavyweight (up to 95kg).
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: 0030, solo final.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0230, doubles, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places; 0330, doubles, 3rd and 4th places; 0920, singles, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places; 1220, doubles, final. Women: 0200, doubles, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places; 0300, doubles, 3rd and 4th places; 0830, singles, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places; 1100, doubles, final.
TENNIS: 0200, men: singles, final; women: doubles, final.
VOLLEYBALL: Men: 0045 and 1130, semi-finals; 0300, 11th/12th place; 0900, 9th/10th place.
WATER POLO: 0430 and 1000, final rounds.
WRESTLING: Freestyle: 0100, 52kg, 57kg, 68kg, 74kg, 82kg, 100kg and 130kg, preliminaries. 0830, 57kg, 68kg, 82kg and 130kg, preliminaries; 52kg, 74kg and 100kg, finals.

Saturday

With Aouita, the 1984 champion, taking part in the 1,500 metres which will have finished 15 minutes earlier, two Britons, Eamonn Martin and Jack Buckner, could be serious medal winners in the 5,000 metres. Buckner, the European champion, and Martin, going for the double with the 10,000 metres, will have to beware of some relatively unknown Africans.

Television

BBC1: -06.30 (live), 0630-0855, 0905-1705, 2330-0530.
ITV: 1130-1300, 1615-1645, 1705-1745.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0930, 2320-0700 (Sunday).

Programme

ARCHERY: Men: 0130, team, semi-finals; 0530, team, finals. Women: 0130, team, semi-finals; 0530, team, finals.
ATHLETICS: Men: 0335, 4x100m, semi-finals; 0345, discus, final; 0410, 1,500m, final; 0430, 5,000m, final; 0515, 4x100m, final; 0600, 4x400m, final. Women: 0315, 4x100m, semi-finals; 0325, shot, final; 0355, 1,500m, final; 0455, 4x100m, final; 0535, 4x400m, final.
BOXING: 0100, finals.
CANOEING: Men: 1,000m, finals: 0000, K1; 0030, C1; 0130, K2; 0200, C2; 0230, K4. Women: 0100, K4, 500m, final.
EQUESTRIANISM: 2300, individual jumping final.
FOOTBALL: 1000, final.
HANDBALL: Men: final round: 0700, runner-up group A v runner-up group B; 0830, final, winner group A v winner group B.
HOCKEY: Men: 0400, 3rd/4th place match; 0615, final.
JUDO: 0800, heavyweight (over 95kg).
SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: 0030, duet final.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: 0250 and 0430, singles, semi-finals; 0920, 3rd/4th place; 1230, final. Women: 0200 and 0340, singles, semi-finals; 0830, 3rd/4th place; 1100, final.
TENNIS: 0200, men: doubles, final; women: singles, final.
VOLLEYBALL: Men: 0045, 7th/8th place; 0300, 5th/6th place.
WATER POLO: 0430, final rounds; 1000, final.
WRESTLING: Freestyle: 0100, 57kg, 68kg, 82kg and 130kg, preliminaries; 0830, 57kg, 68kg, 82kg and 130kg, finals.

Sunday

The men's marathon will be the last event before the closing ceremony of the Games. Takeyuki Nakayama, of Japan, is marginal favourite on the flat, fast course beside the River Han on which he took the 1986 Asian Games title. Ahmed Saleh, of Djibouti, has finished first in two World Cups and is a strong challenger. John Treacy, of Ireland, runner-up in 1984, cannot be discounted.

Television

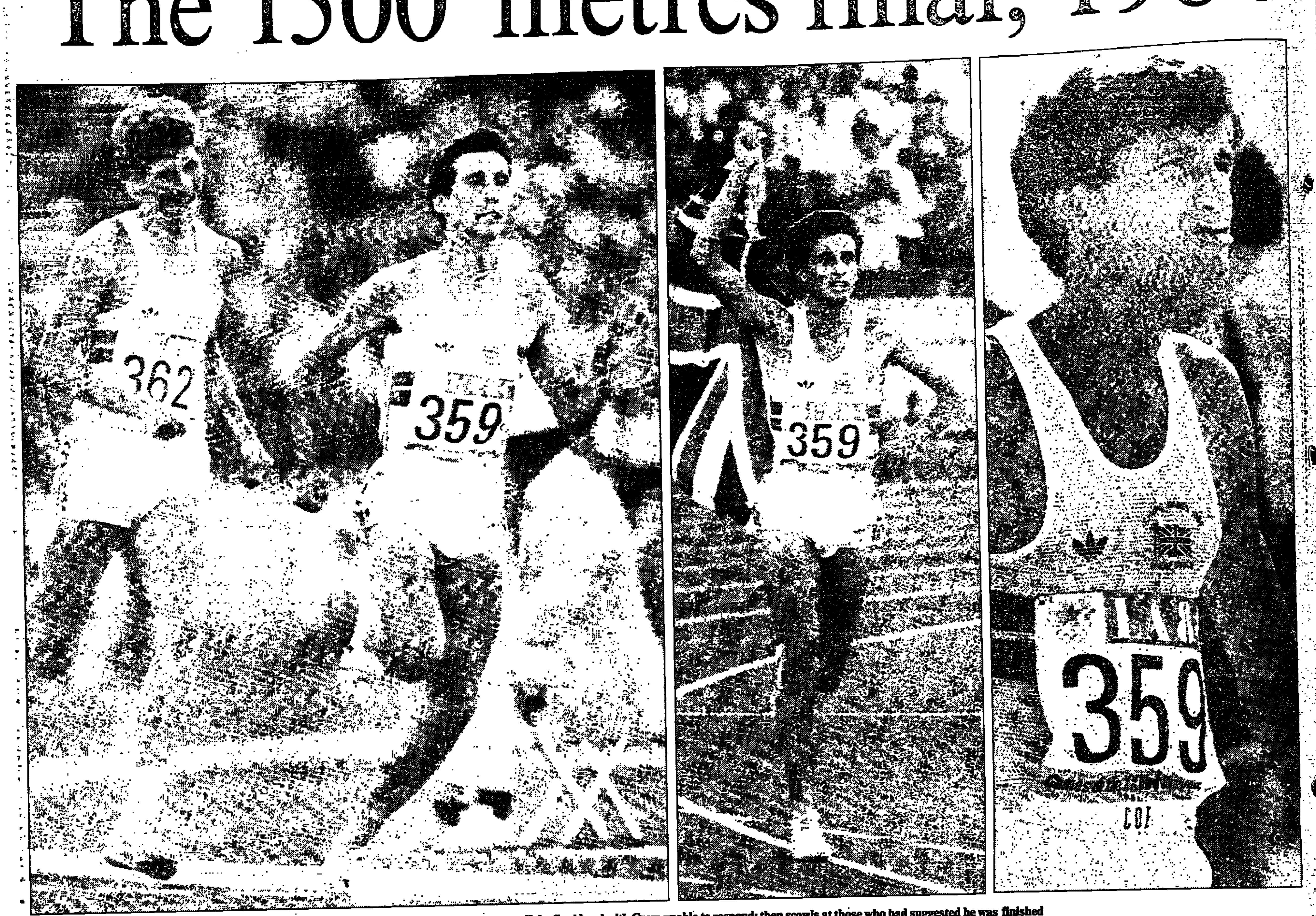
BBC1: -0630 (live), 0630-0900, 0930-1205.
BBC2: 1355-1700.
ITV: 0925-1300, 1615-1700.
C4: -0700 (live), 0700-0925.

Programme

ATHLETICS: 0535; men: marathon.
BOXING: 0100, finals.
VOLLEYBALL: Men: 0045, 3rd/4th place; 0300, final.
CLOSING CEREMONY: 1000-1120

SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

The 1500 metres final, 1984



Power and the glory: Coe kicks for home off the final bend with Cram unable to respond; then scowls at those who had suggested he was finished

The Los Angeles 1,500 metres was one of the great Olympic finals. All three Britons, Coe, Cram and Ovett, were in the field. **David Miller** and **Sebastian Coe** himself recall how Coe became the first man to retain the title

One man hoping not to make an ass of himself was Steve Cram. The last few weeks of his preparation in Europe before leaving for Los Angeles had been a succession of problems, and he became convinced that it was worth his getting on the plane only after he had run a private time trial, among club colleagues in the north east, in a respectable 3min 39.8sec.

Among those he had beaten were the experienced Rob Harrison and young Ikem Billy, and, for the first time in several races, he had finished without discomfort. The tendon and ankle were mending. As Jimmy Hedley, his coach, said, there was no reason why, with the sun on his back and the stimulation of big crowds, he should not be able to produce the sort of times which would add the Olympic title to his European, Commonwealth and world gold medals.

The prospects in the last few days for the 1,500 metres had been clarified by the decision of Said Aouita, no doubt with the same reasoning by John Walker, to go for the 5,000 metres. The speculation now centred on whether Joaquim Cruz and Seb Coe could maintain their effort with only two days rest following the 800 metres; whether Cram was fully fit; and whether Steve Ovett would accept the diagnosis of American doctors that he was not too unwell to run, and would go against the advice of his own team managers, of his wife and the British doctors, who all said it was inadvisable. And, of course, the Americans were busy talking about Steve Scott and Jim Spivey.

The day after Cruz's 800 metres gold medal, Cram gave a Press conference. The tall, slim Geordie, the most unassuming of world champions, said that he did not think he would need to be in shape to run a world record in Saturday's final, "but I'll have to be able to run a very fast last lap". He admitted he would not know until he stepped off the track after Thursday's first round just how much the injuries of the previous seven weeks had taken out of him, and he admitted, too, the arrival of an exceptional new opponent .... Cruz.

Always a realist, Cram tried to keep the Olympics in perspective, not to accept that his entire career might be judged on his performance here, irrespective of his other accomplishments. "You've got to try to treat the Olympics like any other race, not let it seem bigger. You don't want to be frightened; of course you must be emotionally *up* for it, but I'll probably race the same guys in Zurich the next week. If I get beaten, I won't lie down and accept that the guy who won is No. 1."

In the days leading up to the 1,500 metres, Steve Scott, from Arizona, for so long in the shadow of one or other of Britain's string of outstanding runners, was permitting himself more optimism than was perhaps discreet, considering that he had had anything but an outstanding year so far, and was only twelfth on the ranking list. None could deny that Scott, aged 28, had for a long time been a formidable competitor. Quite apart from his silver behind Cram in Helsinki, and his mile defeat of an ailing Coe last year, in 1982 he had run a mile in Oslo in 3min 47.69sec, not much more than a stride outside Coe's world record of the previous summer.

Discussing the prospects now, he had been somewhat disparaging about the British, saying that the rest of the world had caught up with British milers. "Hardly anyone is thinking about Coe and Ovett any more. They're just faces in the crowd. Any one of eight finalists could win the 1,500," Scott had said after running a modest 800 metres just before the Games began.

Scott is a nice man, and it is difficult to take offence at any opinion he might express, because it would be sincere. It had been Scott from whom Coe ran away 500 metres from the finish when he first broke the mile record in 1979. For the first time Scott had the British on home ground: would he be able to exploit it? He had been defeated often enough by Coe, Cram and Ovett, so this was his moment.

There was little exceptional about round one, other than the appearance of Ovett and the sharp form again shown by Cruz. The British team management had spent some hours trying to get in touch with Ovett after his release from hospital the previous morning, because it seems they were not sure where he and his wife were staying.

The LA organizing committee's chief medical officer for athletics, Dr Richard Greenspun, and Dr Steven Simons, pulmonary specialist at the LA orthopaedic hospital, had given a Press conference at which they had outlined the recent history of Ovett's problems: bronchitis accompanied by wheezing at the time of the UK trials, then chest pains and breathlessness three weeks later, the development of numbness and tingling in the finger tips and hyperventilation during and on completion of four days of the 800 metres; following which he had been given extensive heart and physiological tests.

Dr Simons had said that they had advised Ovett he could run if he wanted to; that he had no medical injury as such, but that they could not say what would be his level of performance in the 1,500 metres, and that there could be a breakthrough of the symptoms again at peak level. But here Ovett was.

The first heat was notable for the fact that Anthony Rogers of New Zealand, who would go on to reach the final, qualified only in fourth place as one of the six fastest losers, behind Joseph Chesire, Omar Khalifa and Stefano Mei of Italy; while José-Luis Gonzalez, of Spain, a potential medal winner, was eliminated in fifth place.

Coe was in heat two, in which a group of seven ran together for much of the race up to 900 metres, in slowish time. Then Jama Aden, of Somalia, Coe, Paul Donovan, of Ireland, and Pascal Thiebault, of France, moved away. Coe taking the lead 100 metres out, easing, and being passed by Thiebault at the line, just ahead of Andres Vera, of Spain, who would also go on to reach the final.

Ovett won the third heat in a singularly slow time and the pity here was that Pierre Delcze, a potential medal winner, who was coming through for a comfortable qualifying place, caught one of Ovett's heels seven yards from the line, tripped, fell headlong and did not finish. Ovett revealed afterwards that his wife, Rachel, had not wanted him to race.

"It was a matter of pride. I don't think I could have left the Olympics running as badly as I did in the 800 metres. I had to go back and run a bit better. I knew there was something seriously wrong when I hit the bell. It was as though someone had pulled out the power plug. I remember thinking 'don't drop out'. I was very unsteady and light-headed, and when the race finished I was thinking 'don't faint on the track'. When I got into the tunnel going out, it was very hot and claustrophobic, and that was the last I saw of the world until I woke up in hospital."

Cruz and Scott dominated heat four, breaking away from the leading group after three laps, and Cruz covered the last 400 metres in 53.7sec. Mike Hillardt qualified, with a late run on the final straight. The men with class, José Abascal, Peter Wirz and Uwe Becker, ran away from the pack on the last lap to take the places in heat five, while Cram and Spivey had the finishing speed to pull away over the final bend of heat six, hotly pursued by Peter O'Donoghue in third place.

The surprise of the semi-finals was Cruz's failure to come to the line in the second heat. He had been scratched earlier in the day by Oliveira, his coach, for reasons which were a question of some dispute both inside and outside the Brazilian camp. Some Brazilian journalists were convinced that Oliveira, who is the stronger of the two personalities, was protecting a priceless reputation just achieved in the 800, metres, with the excuse of a cold which might have helped Cruz to be beaten in either of the two remaining races. The Brazilian team doctor had seen Cruz and said that he was fit to run, but Oliveira denied this.

The first semi-final was potentially the more severe, with 10 of the 12 starters all serious candidates to reach the final and only the first four of each race and the next four fastest qualifying. Off the final bend Coe was going sweetly in second place behind Abascal with a group including Scott fighting it out just behind him. Over the last 50 metres Coe eased, carefully glancing each way over either shoulder behind him, as Scott moved through to take second place.

Somehow, Coe failed to notice that both Chesire and Wirz were accelerating towards him as he slowed, about to pass him on each side. He made a lunge at the tape to beat them both by two-hundredths of a second. Yet had he been fifth instead of third – and another metre might have allowed them to get by before he could fully react – he could have been eliminated had his not been the faster heat.

In the stands, Peter Coe was shaking like a leaf as he helplessly watched this moment's aberration, and Seb would afterwards admit that he stood rigid with anxiety while he looked up at the huge television screen to watch the re-run. In fact, the first seven from this heat went through.

Against all expectation, and some would say wisdom, the courageous Ovett now lined up with Cram and the rest in a bid to reach his third Olympic 1,500 metres final. On the final bend, Cram kicked to take the lead and Ovett was still there three or four yards behind, giving it everything he had; coming into the home straight Ovett was second, but would drift to fourth at the line by two-hundredths of a second behind Spivey and Vera. Khalifa got the last of the 12 qualifying places just behind Ovett, who was again in distress at the finish and had to be helped to the medical centre. Predictably, he was weary and stressed and would be unable to say until the following morning if he could take up his place in the final.

THE FINAL RESULT

1,	Sebastian Coe (GB),	3:32.53
2,	Steve Cram (GB),	3:33.40
3,	José Abascal (Sp),	3:34.30
4,	Joseph Chesire (Ken),	3:34.52
5,	Jim Spivey (US),	3:36.07
6,	Peter Wirz (Switz),	3:36.97
7,	Andres Vera (Sp),	3:37.02
8,	Omar Khalifa (Sudan),	3:37.11
9,	Anthony Rogers (WZ),	3:38.98
10,	Steve Scott (US),	3:39.86
11,	Riccardo Materazzi (It),	3:40.74
dnf	Steve Ovett (GB)	

I drove back to UCLA with Coe. He was in an unusual mood, calmer than I had ever seen him before, and I have been with him when he has fallen asleep in the passenger seat on the way to an Amateur Athletic Association final. It was almost as if he was going off on holiday, rather than running in an Olympic final which was the climax of a year of superhuman effort and determination to rescue a reputation, which *he* at least believed still had credibility.

He and Peter were at ease. As he would say later, their agreed separation had given him all the input of Moscow, and none of the peripheral aggravation. "Peter's major asset to me in coaching," he said, "has always been that while he's close, he's been incredibly analytical, especially in his construction of the training programme. I didn't want to dissipate this in LA. He was able to watch every race, in the stadium, without having to be with me and all the problems of co-ordinating our meeting points and travel. I could discuss with him on the phone next morning his analysis of how other runners had reacted, how their faces had looked at the finish, providing me with the information I couldn't get because I was not allowed to stay beside the track."

Like Ovett and Coe, Cram also knew about Olympic finals. He had been there as a 19-year-old, almost as an observer, as it were, for the second duel between his compatriots four years before. Maybe it was some of those recollections which were getting through to him now. On the afternoon of the final in LA, for which he was widely regarded as the favourite even by Americans, he went to his room to try to get some rest, but was down again after only a quarter of an hour, and spent some while lazing in the sun, which is not the best preparation for three and a half minutes of physical ordeal a few hours later.

Coe's memories of the day of the final are quite clear: "I felt very good all day. With each race, including the 800s, I'd arrived at the stadium each time with more self-control. By the time I got to the final of the 1,500 metres, I was a bit worried that if anything I was too relaxed. This was one of the benefits of having sorted things out on my own. In LA, Peter and I had got back to sharing problems instead of doubling them. I remember your having mentioned Peter's comment in Moscow the night before the 1,500 metres, that he'd 'give an arm and a leg' for me to win the next day. One doesn't need that. Now, I was coming out with fewer nerves and more concentration."

The western end of the stadium was already in shadow as the 12 runners lined up. The improvement of Khalifa over the past couple of years or so was about to be demonstrated. It was no brash moment, an extrovert seeking the limelight for a glorious half lap, which quickly took him to the front with Chesire, ahead of Riccardo Materazzi and, Coe. The smiling Sudanese was out there with real intent, leading after 400 metres in 58.9sec.

Down the back straight for the second time Ovett lost ground and so, momentarily, did Scott before he accelerated past four men to go ahead of Coe (lying third), then jumped the front two to take the lead. it was the most unexpected of developments, but it was something Scott had planned a long while. As Len Miller, his coach, said later: "For over a year we had thought about Steve making it a fast race." After 700 metres, with two laps to go, the order was: Scott, Coe, Khalifa and Abascal, Cram, Ovett, Chesire. Scott maintained his lead to the 800 metres mark in 1:56.8, a tenth of a second ahead of Coe, with Abascal a further two yards down.

If it had been Straub in Moscow whose courage had given the third and fourth laps of the final their scorching pace and had drained the kick out of Ovett, it was now Scott and then Abascal who on the second and third laps extended everyone but Coe. Coming into the straight towards the bell, Abascal and Coe had gone past Scott, and Cram, Ovett and Spivey were following: Scott had shot his bolt. At the bell, Abascal (2:39) had two yards on Coe (2:39.3), who was a further two and a half yards ahead of Cram; Ovett was fourth and Scott was disappearing behind Spivey.

Sadly, Ovett's fortitude would end mid-way round the next bend. In his present condition, the pace was far beyond him and his chest pains were returning. Away went the rest towards the crescendo of the race, though now there were only three in the fight for the medals, as the dark-haired Spaniard led Coe and Cram down the back straight. Ovett had run off the track.

Approaching the final bend, Cram gritted his teeth and drew alongside Coe and for a stride they were together shoulder to shoulder. But with a half-glance up into his rival's face as he came abreast, Coe kicked and went wide of Abascal, followed by Cram. On the crown of the bend, Coe gave a glance behind both ways, but there was only the one man with a chance of challenging him.

Entering the home straight, Coe had a lead of one and a half to two metres: and now he gave his third kick. It could not have hit Cram harder. As Coe accelerated away, poised and balanced and with his drive still as geometric as a steam engine's pistons, Cram's head was beginning to roll and his face twisted as he tried to respond. In the next 40 metres, Coe had opened a full six metres on Cram, which he held to cross the line with an ecstatic smile and an Olympic record of 3:32.53. Brave Abascal had the bronze as his reward behind Cram.

Within seconds of victory, Coe's mood transformed from pleasure to a picture almost of anger. Turning towards the Press and television ranks on his right, he looked up and with a scowl shouted out almost involuntarily: "Who says I'm finished!" It was a long and lingering gesture. It was triumph over criticism as much as triumph over adversity. Yet was it also the inner reaction, bubbling once more to the surface, of the schoolboy of long ago who could not accept it when he was bowled out at cricket, who got nervous eczema in the tension of his 11-plus examinations, who had now proved to the whole world that he was not the failure some had said him to be? The contemplation of success or failure can be equally motivating.

As Coe dissolved from his half-minute of specific aggression and ran off on his lap of honour, collecting a Union Jack on the way, his euphoria obscured from him the sight of Ovett still sitting on the ground, his arms and fingers bent in discomfort around his knees, his eyes glazed, while anxious medics wiped his brow and gently eased him on to a stretcher. With feeling, Coe said later: 'I was sorry for Steve, and sorry I didn't notice him there. It was brave of him to step out again after all he had been through in the 800.'

If Cram was regretful at his failure to add the most prized title of all to his collection, it did not prevent him paying the most dignified of tributes to the winner. "I'm satisfied. I enjoyed the race. I couldn't have done anything else. Seb was brilliant."

Adapted from ***Sebastian Coe, Coming Back****, published in 1985 by Sidgwick and Jackson.*

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OLYMPICS REPORT

Britain are run ragged by superior Dutch forwards

From Sydney Friskin

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Great Britain could find no refuge from persistent attack on the second day of the Olympic women's tournament, and were comprehensively beaten by The Netherlands yesterday.

The match served only to underline the difference between the Dutch and the three other teams in the group — Britain, Argentina and the United States, each having done little so far to quicken the pulse.

It is a consoling thought for Britain, nevertheless, that they have a good chance of reaching the semi-finals, their drooping spirits having been revived at the end of the day by the unexpected 2-1 defeat of the United States by Argentina. Assuming that the Dutch beat Argentina tomorrow, all Britain will need is a draw with the United States to go through.

Britain's approach in yesterday's match lacked a plan and, for the most part, a sense of direction. The defence, in which Dixon played her heart out, gave away nine short corners and their own drill in this department, like the singing in the stands, lacked variation.

When the British team played the Dutch in Amsterdam a month ago the result was a creditable 3-3 draw. The Dutch learned from their mistakes and changed their tactics, deploying a deep-lying centre-half whose long hits provided the inducement for running into the open spaces.

In attempting to suppress the Dutch sprinters the British defence made costly errors, often playing an opponent's stick to concede short corners. Into this happy situation stepped Lejeune, her powerful and exquisitely-timed shots enabling her to convert three of these awards in the sixth, twentieth and 31st minutes.

In one moment of anguish in the 34th minute the Dutch left back, van Manen, obstructed Brown at the point of scoring to concede a penalty stroke and Dixon converted, although the ball rolled in off the stick of the Dutch goalkeeper.

If there had been hope of a British revival it did not materialize and the Dutch had an opportunity to consolidate, Lejeune converting a penalty stroke for the fourth goal.

Britain substituted Fraser for Brewer and later, Sixsmith came in for Parker.

Although these changes did make the attack look more lively, the Dutch never released the hold they had taken on the match. Dixon herself was replaced by Atkins and four minutes before the end, a slip in the defence let in von Weiler to score an easy goal. A few good saves by Cook prevented the Dutch from building a bigger total.

GREAT BRITAIN: J Cook; M McLeod, V McBride, B Hambly (capt), V Dixon (sub: G Atkins), C Brewer, A Ramsay, K Brown, M Nevill, K Parker (sub: J Sixsmith), G Brown (sub: W Fraser).
THE NETHERLANDS: B de Beus; L Lejeune, A Nieuwenhuizen, H van der Ben, A van Manen, C Beninga, L Willemse, N Holsboer (sub: M van Doorn), M Bolhuis (capt), I Wolff, S von Weiler.
Umpires: C Asselman (Bel) and S Hernandez (Sp).

Among yesterday's few delights was the performance of the South Korean women, who outran Canada to win 3-1 (Sydney Friskin writes). The Koreans are the babes of the tournament and, unlike other countries who have clung to the Games through the years by tradition, they have learned from the textbook.

Goals by the resourceful Soon-Ja Park gave them a 2-0 lead, which was reduced by Johnson from a short corner. A minute before the end, Hyo-Sun Seo scored the third goal, an individual effort.

Australia were kept waiting until a minute before full-time for their 1-0 victory over West Germany, Bowman scoring a well-taken goal. The Koreans meet Australia tomorrow and, regardless of the result, have already qualified for the semi-finals.

Silver swim: Britain's Nick Gillingham on the way to second place in the 200 metres breaststroke final yesterday

Losing one's heart in midfield

From Simon Barnes

Please note that I always try to avoid sexism when I write. I enjoy women's sport, and cheer mightily at its every step forward. I applaud athleticism, effort and skill wherever I find it: I am willing to share the joys of anything that sport can offer.

Be aware that when I pontificate about sport, I prefer the non-sexist term "athlete" to "sportsman". I occasionally twist my prose like a pretzel to avoid generalizing with "him" and "his". I believe that female athletes should be judged on their performance, not on their looks, nor their marketability, nor their synthetic charm before the cameras.

Sympathize, then, if you please, with my problem. I have just been to watch a women's hockey match, Great Britain against the Netherlands, and I feel like giving up. There is simply no way I can write about the right midfielder in a sane, sober, sensible and non-sexist way. One's male nature will out. I think the safest policy is not to mention Alison Ramsay at all.

Ramsay: not to be ignored

"Women's hockey has changed," she said after the match. "The game is so fast now that we play all our games on artificial turf. The traditional type of hockey player — you know, enormous, burly — just doesn't exist any more. We're not like the old type of hockey player at all. We are athletes. You need a slim, light build to play hockey these days."

They are light on their feet, swift across the ground, and as dashing a bunch of athletes you could wish to meet. Hockey is a game of ferocious sprinting, and lithe, full-blooded action. The only burly types in sight are the goalkeepers, and that is only because they are a million layers deep in protective equipment.

The ball is as hard as a lump of concrete, and the players can give it the most fearful wallop. Short corners in the men's game have been timed at 85 m.p.h.; in the women's game, they make 60 m.p.h. — plenty fast enough.

"I've never felt frightened in goal," said Wendy Banks, Britain's reserve goalkeeper. "All you need to keep goal is a lot of courage, lightning reflexes, and more intelligence than anyone else in the team." Don't sell yourself short, Banksie.

Ignoring, so far as possible, the quality of play in the right midfield, my heart, or at least my very best sympathies, went out, to the No. 1 goalie, Julie Cook. The Netherlands won 5-1 against her. Lay this defeat at the door of the fearsome Lisanne Lejeune, a slim, whiplash-wristed lady who could blast a ball through the eye of a needle with her 60 m.p.h. backboard-busters.

She scored four times, all from set-pieces, and you could not fault the goalie on a single one of them. The Dutch — world, European and Olympic champions — are favourites for gold, and you would have to be a madwoman, or a wild romantic, to bet against them.

The Brits play the United States tomorrow, needing to win to be sure of moving into the semi-finals and having a go for a medal. The Brits have won three of their last four games against the Americans. "They're bigger, and they play very physically," said the right-midfielder. "But we have the edge on speed."

Any remarks I make about fast ladies would be sexist and in dreadful taste. Let me just say that I hope this British team of splendid, dashing athletes goes flat out and does the business tomorrow.

TABLE TENNIS

Britons make clean sweep in first round

Britain's men made an excellent start in the first series of singles matches at the sport's official Olympic debut yesterday.

Desmond Douglas, Carl Prean and Alan Cooke all won convincingly in their respective groups. Douglas, aged 33, who has been playing at the highest level for a dozen years, overwhelmed his Egyptian opponent, Abdelhalim, 21-11, 21-16, 21-7 in just 20 minutes in group F

Prean, aged 21, from the Isle of Wight, beat Joe Gideon, of Canada, 20-22, 21-13, 21-18, 21-13 in group G, and Chesterfield's Cooke, aged 22, easily defeated Jean-Michel Saive, of Belgium, 21-11, 21-16, 21-12 in group A.

TENNIS

Gomer so close to an upset

From Richard Evans

If medals were awarded for hours spent on court, Britain's tennis players would already be in the running. Following marathon efforts by Jeremy Bates and Andrew Castle, Sara Gomer battled for almost three hours under a hot sun against the eleventh seed, Larissa Savchenko, and was a little unfortunate to be beaten 6-7, 7-6, 8-6.

One could interpret the result as another case of a British player failing to open the throttle and produce that extra burst of power needed to reap the final reward when all the hard work had been done. But in this case I think that would be a little unfair to Gomer.

Having taken advantage of a rash of Soviet errors in the first set, the tall Devonian fought back gamely from 2-4 down in the third and when games reached five-all it became a question of one player cracking mentally or the other coming up with match-winning shots.

Savchenko did the latter, revealing the kind of talent that had Gabriella Sabatini in all kinds of trouble at the United States Open. A cross-court backhand winner and a glorious backhand pass up the line sealed Gomer's fate. Considering Savchenko is ranked seventeenth in the world — 32 places above the British player — it was not a bad effort and although she might have imposed herself more at the net, at least Gomer was rewarded with a smile of commiseration from Daley Thompson, who had stood at the side of the court throughout the match.

This support, from one of the most illustrious members of the British Olympic team, was a welcome sight and one only wishes Britain's tennis players could be blessed with a quarter of the cocky optimism that is so much a part of Thompson's winning personality.

Before the day was out there was another British defeat — Bates and Castle going down to the talented Yugoslav Davis Cup players, Slobodan Zivojinovic and Goran Ivanisevic, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Steffi Graf made her Olympic debut on the stadium court but it was no pushover. Leila Meshki, a raven-haired Georgian from Tblisi, proved very steady in the back court and made the world No. 1 work hard in the first set before going down 7-5, 6-1.

CYCLING

Gould and Baker to re-locate

By Peter Bryan

Tim Gould and David Baker, two of the country's most prolific cyclo-cross winners, are turning professional and will be based in Germany for the next three months in an attempt to take some of the rich pickings from continental events.

In what could be his last event as an amateur, Gould tomorrow goes for his fifth victory in Britain's first major event of the new season, the Three Peaks race.

"It's 36 miles of agony with the elements being as much a competitor as other riders," Gould said yesterday. Three climbs, Ingleborough (723 metres), Pen-y-Ghent (694 metres) and Whernside (736 metres) give the event its name.

Because of the danger of sudden fog, all competitors are obliged to carry a survival kit, including a whistle. Gould has made a speciality of the event and wins by minutes rather than seconds.

Of the 180 riders expected tomorrow, he believes that his younger brother Julian — eleventh last year in his first attempt — has a chance of improving, perhaps getting into the top three.

When Gould and Baker start their pro career in the next few weeks, they will encounter the national champion, Steve Douce, who commutes between his Surrey home and the Continent weekly throughout the winter.

IN BRIEF

Werbeniuk is disqualified

Bill Werbeniuk was disqualified from the Canadian Masters snooker championship in Blackpool yesterday for taking Beta-blockers, the proscribed drug.

The Canadian admitted taking the drug after beating John Dunning on Thursday. Dunning was reinstated. The Canadian has also been banned from the qualifying rounds of the European Open and British Open.

Les Spence

Les Spence, the former president of the Welsh Rugby Football Union, died yesterday aged 81. He played for and captained Cardiff during the 1920s, then chaired the club in 1956 and 1976-77, their centenary season.

Courting a reverse

The New Zealand yacht syndicate which lost the America's Cup to San Diego this month is threatening court action "in a few weeks" to argue that the Americans' use of a catamaran against their monohull was contrary to the Deed of Gift governing the event.

Mets take title

New York Mets defeated Philadelphia 3-1 on Thursday to win the National League eastern division baseball title.

CRICKET

Pakistani prayers answered by Ijaz

From Richard Streeton
Faisalabad

Ijaz Ahmed scored an imposing maiden hundred to rescue Pakistan when the second Test match against Australia began here yesterday and finally confirmed his undoubted gifts. Pakistan lost four wickets in a disastrous opening 50 minutes before Ijaz tamed the bowlers and took them to 244 for five by the close.

Ijaz dominated three-figure stands with Javed Miandad and Saleem Yousuf and finished 122 not out after a chanceless innings. He hammered Sleep out of the attack with two sixes in the leg spinner's first two overs, also hit 17 fours and so far has batted four-and-three-quarter hours.

Dodemaide, the sturdy fast bowler, was mainly responsible for Australia's marvellous start when he took three for 23 in 11 overs during a sustained and accurate spell. Reid, the left-arm bowler, also took a wicket but the Australian attack struggled once some early moisture had gone from the pitch.

Ijaz, aged 20, began his first-class career at 15 and the first hundred he scored was a double. Before this series his 10 previous Test matches had been played in India, England and West Indies, as well as at home, but fifties at Leeds and the Oval in 1987 were his only significant scores. Imran Khan, his captain at that time, has always been convinced of his talent and it was a pity his mentor did not see his protégé justify his faith.

The sixes against Sleep saw the ball effortlessly lifted a vast distance over mid-wicket and left Border feeling he could not risk the leg-spinner later. The chief splendour in Ijaz's batting, however, were his drives past mid-off and mid-on. He stood fully upright and from a high backlift punished the ball with a fierceness which invoked memories of Dexter at the same age.

The Australians must have felt they had compensated for losing the toss a second time when Pakistan slumped to 25 for four in 10 overs. Ramiz Raja was leg-before to Dodemaide's second ball and Shoaib Mohammad was bowled off his pads in the eighth over, not offering a stroke. Mudassar Nazar, playing his 73rd Test, had just become the third Pakistani after Miandad and Zaheer Abbas to reach 4,000 runs, when he edged a catch against Reid to gully.

Dodemaide took his third wicket when Salim Malik aimed a loose drive and he went on to subdue Miandad utterly as he maintained his control. Ijaz, however, declined to be held down and reached 51 out of 64 in 21 overs. In the afternoon Miandad became more assertive and the fifth-wicket pair had put on 119 when the Pakistan captain turned a low catch to short leg against May, the off-spinner.

Yousuf invariably makes runs when Pakistan need them, as they did, having opted for Saleem Jaffer's left-arm pace, rather than an extra batsman. He looked uncertain initially but the middle of the bat was gradually found and a pulled six against May was a superb stroke.

Ijaz's first unintended shot was an edged four against Reid through the slips shortly before tea, when he was 90 not out. Afterwards a single into the covers against May took Ijaz to his hundred, made from 166 balls.

As the muezzins at the nearby mosques began their calls to the faithful for evening prayers, Australia took the new ball and Yousuf was dropped from a hard chance to Waugh's left-hand at second slip off Dodemaide. Otherwise the batsman progressed without problems and have so far added 100 in two-and-a-quarter hours.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Marsh b Reid	9
Rameez Raja lbw b Dodemaide	0
Shoaib Mohammad b Dodemaide	11
*Javed Miandad c Boon b May	43
Salim Malik b Dodemaide	0
Ijaz Ahmed not out	122
†Saleem Yousuf not out	52
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 3)	7
Total (5 wkts)	244

Abdul Qadir, Tauseef Ahmed, Iqbal Qasim and Saleem Jaffer to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-20, 3-24, 4-25, 5-144.

BOWLING: Reid 19-4-57-1; Dodemaide 24-3-65-3; Waugh 11-3-36-0; Sleep 4-1-23-0; May 16-3-48-1; Border 8-1-11-0.

AUSTRALIA: D C Boon, G R Marsh, D M Jones, G M Wood, *A R Border, S R Waugh, T B A May, P R Sleep, †I A Healy, B A Reid, A I C Dodemaide.

Umpires: Mahboob Shah and Tariq Ata.

SHINTY

Kingussie defend Cup

The first of this season's major trophy competitions, the Bank of Scotland MacTavish Cup, gets under way in the north today with the holders, Kingussie, playing Glenurquhart at The Dell for the second time in three weeks (a Special Correspondent writes).

Although Glenurquhart gave a sparkling performance when the two sides met in the final of the Glenmorangie Camanachd Trophy in June, they failed to make any impression when they met in the Marine Harvest League match a fortnight ago, losing 7-1.

Newtonmore, who for so long dominated the sport, cannot travel to Skye with any confidence of victory after their surprise 4-1 defeat by lowely Beauly a week ago.

The Portree side are one of the most difficult teams to overcome at home and the best which Newtonmore can hope for here is to force a replay.

The most interesting tie will be at Strathpeffer, where newly-promoted Caberfeidh meet their near neighbours, Lovat.

RUGBY UNION

Wallabies' downfall plotted

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The minds of national and divisional coaches and selectors will be concentrated this weekend upon the Australian touring party. They meet, with members of the Rugby Football Union's technical staff, at Crick, to discuss ways and means of defeating the Wallabies, who arrive in this country on October 10.

Within the last five years there have been attempts to impose an overall strategy on the divisions against touring sides without making allowance for the strengths and weaknesses of the respective areas. While the objective of tomorrow's discussions is "How do we play against the Australians", the intention is an exchange of information which will help the four divisions emerge with a winning answer — the concomitant being that divisional success should help create a winning national XV.

The **North** and **Midlands** having already played their warm-up games, it is the turn next week of the South-West and London. The **South** and **South-West** play **Leinster** (visitors today to **Llanelli**) at Bath on Monday while **London** go to Cork next Saturday to meet **Munster**; curiously enough the main component parts of both *those divisional teams come* into conflict in the Courage Clubs Championship today.

Bath entertain — if that is the appropriate word — **Gloucester**, both clubs having made a markedly successful start to the season; at Sudbury, **Wasps** meet **Harlequins**, both having lost their opening league fixtures of the season a fortnight ago and each remaining keen to claim the honorary title of the capital's leading club.

The divisional selectors concerned will remain a-twitch until they have received casualty reports from both games but, talking of honorary positions, spare a thought for **Rosslyn Park** today. They travel to **Moseley** saddened by the death last weekend of Jeremy Saywell, whose zest for the game never publicly slackened, inhibited though he was throughout his life by being confined to a wheelchair.

Some time statistician and press officer for the Park, Saywell, whose private funeral is on Wednesday, earned the respect and friendship of players and supporters beyond the confines of Roehampton and, indeed, London. His enthusiasm is worth remembering at a time *when the commercial side of the* game seems uppermost.

There will be mixed feelings for Geoffrey Dear at the Reddings: he is Chief Constable for the West Midlands and a vice-president of Moseley but his son, Simon, appears in Park's second row. Park were promoted to the first division this season, along with **Liverpool St Helens**, whose remarkable success since their merger will receive its most searching examination today.

Leicester, the league champions, travel to St Helens and can perform the valuable service for the divisional and national selectors by putting Morris, Liverpool's scrum half, under as much pressure as possible. If he is as good as he looked for the North at Gateshead last Sunday, then a place in England's B side against Australia next month may not be beyond him.

Youngs, Leicester's scrum half and capped six times in 1983-84, and a back row of Wells, Richards and Thornley will be the invigilators for Morris, though it must be said that the 24-year-old Warrington production controller came through with flying colours in his first league outing, against Waterloo — and his opponents that day admitted as much.

Kelso not the force of last season

By Alan Lorimer

The Scottish National League, again sponsored by McEwan's, enters its sixteenth official season today with 97 clubs involved throughout the seven divisions and with a question mark about **Kelso's** ability to retain the title of champions.

Last season they broke the Hawick domination of the competition, but since then Tait, their centre, and Edwards, the flanker, have gone and, to add to their problems, neither Baird nor Wright are fit.

Their recent form guide shows defeats by Boroughmuir, Melrose and Jed-Forest whereas Heriots, tomorrow's opponents *at Goldenacre, have fared better* in their warm-up games, having drawn with London Scottish and beaten Lansdowne, in a high-scoring match last weekend.

Last season, confident in the knowledge that the championship was secure, Kelso ran up a record points victory over the Edinburgh side. Today that heady win will be just a faded memory for Kelso, whose formation has less of a title-winning look about it.

That said, however, Kelso enter today's fray battle-hardened by four Border League ties and the mental toughness acquired might just be a deciding factor, in a game where Heriots *will almost certainly* want to employ their fast back division.

For Kelso the kicking skills of Ker, the stand-off half, will be important.

Hawick, champions on 10 occasions, face newly-promoted **Jed-Forest** in a match which is also a Border League fixture. Hawick, without the driving play of the injured Sean McGaughey, and with a rather ordinary threequarter line, could be vulnerable against a Jed side which, far from being satisfied to cling on to first division status, look good enough to finish in the top five.

Their young backs, with Armstrong and Shiel already in *impressive form, have shown* how well they can run the ball

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

L'pool St H v Leicester

Hamer (centre) makes his debut for Liverpool and the pack includes Robbins (prop) and Cusani (lock). Leicester lose Evans with a leg injury and play Gerald on the wing but Underwood (wing) and Wells (flanker) return.

Moseley v Rosslyn Park

Pullinger makes his league debut at lock after joining Moseley from Walsall and Green is preferred at hooker. Park give debuts to Hunter (wing) and Wiles (centre) and McGauley (prop) makes his first senior appearance of the season.

Nottingham v Bristol

Nottingham bring in Wright and Hodgkinson at half back and restore Rees and Parsonage to the back row while Johnson (prop) has recovered from injury.

Orrell v Waterloo

Langford returns at full back for Orrell but Heslop, their recent recruit from Waterloo, must wait out his qualifying period.

Second division

Blackheath v Gosforth

Holcombe returns at scrum half and Blackheath field Annous (flanker) and Jones (centre). Byrne plays his first game of the season in Gosforth's back row, with Chandler at full back, Clarke, stand off, and Elliott, wing.

Coventry v Sale

Savage (scrum half) and Hyde (lock) continue in the absence of Coventry's experienced Thomas and Gulliver. Whitcombe returns to prop for Sale and Bentley to the centre, Stansfield moving out to the wing.

Northampton v Hdingley

Pearce and Elkington, captain and vice-captain respectively, are available for Northampton. Headingley are without their first-choice locks, Barrett and Arundel joining forces in the second row, while Appleson comes in at centre.

Italians keep pack intact

It will be no surprise to anyone who was at Ravenhill on Wednesday night that the Italy under-21 pack which outgunned the Combined Irish Provinces forwards remains intact for the under-21 international against Ireland at Lansdowne Road this afternoon (George Ace writes).

The half-back pairing of Casellato, at scrum half, and Garanci — which scored 18 of the Italians' points in their 22-3 win — is retained and there are only two changes, one positional, from Wednesday's team.

There is one late change in the Ireland team with Carrol on the right wing for Geoghegan.

● Michael Patton, who captained Ulster schools to Zimbabwe earlier this year, is in the Bangor team that meets Skerries at Uprichard Park today.

MOTOR RACING

Senna gets back on right track

Estoril, Portugal (AFP) — Ayrton Senna, of Brazil, anxious to recover his momentum after throwing away what seemed a certain victory in Italy a fortnight ago, was fastest in the opening official practice for the Portuguese Grand Prix to be held here tomorrow.

Senna, the leader of the world championship, recorded a time of 1min 18.032sec to lead his McLaren colleague, Alain Prost. The world champion, Nelson Piquet, was the third fastest in his Lotus, but was more than a second slower than Prost.

Gerhard Berger, of Austria, who won the Italian Grand Prix after Senna collided with a backmarker with only two laps remaining, was fifth fastest.

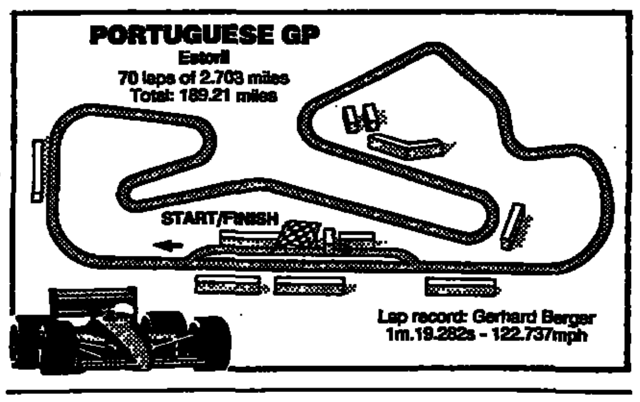
Senna is seeking his eighth win of the season here, which would be a new Formula One record.

The practice session was stopped for 30 minutes when Luis Perez-Sala, of Spain, went off the track in his Mindardi car.

PRACTICE TIMES: A Senna (Br), McLaren Honda, 1min 18.032sec; A Prost (Fr), McLaren Honda, 1:18.378; N Piquet (Br), Lotus Honda, 1:19.551; R Patrese (It), Williams Judd, 1:19.878; G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:20.085; I Capelli (It), March Judd, 1:20.390; T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton Ford, 1:20.7; M Gugelmin (Br), March Judd, 1:20.791; N Mansell (GB), Williams Judd, 1:20.908; A Nannini (It), Benetton Ford, 1:21.008; D Warwick (GB), Arrows Megatron BMW, 1:21.240; P Martini (It), Minardi Ford, 1:21.292; A de Cesaris (It), Rial Ford, 1:21.388; E Cheever (US), Arrows Megatron BMW, 1:21.519; P Streiff (Fr), AGS Ford, 1:21.644; M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:21.647; Y Dalmas (Fr), Larrousse/Calmels, 1:21.655; P Alliot (Fr), Larrousse/Calmels, 1:21.809; L Perez-Sala (Sp), Minardi Ford, 1:21.909; A Caffi (It), BMS Dallara Ford, 1:22.349; S Nakajima (Japan), Lotus Honda, 1:22.496; S Johansson (Swe), Ligier, 1:22.778; R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier, 1:22.786; J Palmer (GB), Tyrrell Ford, 1:22.797; N Larini (It), Osella, 1:22.883; J Bailey (GB), Tyrrell Ford, 1:22.946; G Tarquini (It), Coloni Ford, 1:23.057; S Modena (It), EuroBrun Ford, 1:23.075; B Schneider (WG), Zakspeed, 1:23.393; P Ghinzani (It), Zakspeed, 1:24.127.

● Martin Donnelly, of Ulster, will continue his late challenge in the European F3000 championship at the Le Mans track in France this weekend, in the ninth race of the series (David Tremayne writes).

The odds favour the Brazilian driver, Roberto Moreno, however. With only three races left, he needs one more third place to clinch the crown. Donnelly *needs to win all three with* Moreno placing no better than fourth more than once. In that eventuality, Donnelly would take the title, on the strength of his performance in the Birmingham Super Prix.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley agrees to new terms with Wigan

By Keith Macklin

The persuasive tongue of the Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, and the even more persuasive power of a considerably enhanced three-year contract yesterday coaxed Ellery Hanley into resuming his playing career with the club.

Although no details of the size of the contract have been disclosed, it will certainly be between £50,000 and £75,000 a season. Hanley will also be allowed to play for an Australian club during the British close season — all of which makes him the highest paid player in the world.

Wigan will be glad their Great Britain captain has agreed terms, since for two games they are without their New Zealanders, who are World Cup tied, and their international winger Henderson Gill, who misses the match at **Bradford** tomorrow after sustaining concussion playing for Yorkshire in midweek.

Wigan will also go ahead with their home game a week tomorrow against **Castleford**, and will be glad of Hanley's pace and power against the hitherto all-conquering Yorkshire team. Castleford should retain their unbeaten record tomorrow with a home game against **Oldham**, who have signed the centre, Henderson from, Leigh. **Wakefield Trinity**, the surprise side so far with a 100 per cent record after being promoted last season, are at home to **Salford**. Despite Salford's signing of Hadley, Trinity should retain their record.

The champions, **Widnes**, are unlikely to lose ground in their home game against **Featherstone Rovers**, who struggled to beat Doncaster last week.

Jack Waterman sets the scene on next week's Highflyer Sales at Newmarket

Shop window for bargain hunters

Dress apart, there would seem to be only the most tenuous link between the Knightsbridge queues who storm the sales counters every January, and the men and women in anoraks, dog-tooth caps, headscarves and *technicolour dreamcoats* who will crowd the circular tiers of Park Paddocks, Newmarket, next week.

On Tuesday, the Tattersalls Highflyer Sales, the most important annual auction of yearlings in Europe, are due to begin.

However, there is a further important common factor: dreams which are as multi-coloured as the above-mentioned coats. In Knightsbridge, they can be about half-price dinner services made of Crown Derby. At Newmarket, the collective dream concerns quite another form of Derby: nothing less than buying a future winner of the great Epsom classic itself.

Furthermore, Park Paddocks will certainly not be without those whose sole purpose is hunting a bargain among the 389 choice lots on offer.

It might be argued that with a record average sale price of 96,710 guineas realized at last year's Highflyer Sales, the word "bargain" is a somewhat relative term.

Nonetheless, it *is* possible, if the figure of 780,000 guineas is kept in firm perspective. This, topping the 1987 sale, was paid for the last yearling to be offered for sale sired by the illustrious stallion, Mill Reef, now deceased.

Even this was nowhere near the record top-priced Highflyer lot in the heady days of 1983 – £1.55 million guineas.

So, the remarks of the chairman of Tattersalls, Michael Watt, demand attention: "I have noticed that, in the past, a number of smaller trainers have not come to the Highflyer Sales, no doubt because of the high prices paid for yearlings. They might not realize that shrewd judges have picked up some notable bargains."

He follows this with a list of lower-priced Highflyer purchases in the recent past, and concludes: "You do not have to be a millionaire to get value for money."

Close inspection as another yearling is led round before coming under the auctioneer's hammer at the Highflyer Sales

That contention is certainly supported by his list. It includes that top class sprinter of 1986, Double Schwartz. He cost 13,000 guineas and recouped 10 times that figure for Robert Sangster in a string of group successes.

Then, at Royal Ascot this year, Persian Heights (25,000 guineas) more than handsomely repaid his purchase price by winning the St James's Palace Stakes, and Gloriella (20,000) did likewise by winning the Queen Mary Stakes.

Such examples will be somewhere in the consciousness of next week's bidders, be their money English, Irish, American, Arabic or Japanese; be they agents representing multi-millionaires or (more particularly) trainers with a budget as limited as a lunging rein.

The first lot number will flash up, the first yearling will be led in and the Tattersalls auctioneers will begin their varying incantations. These comprise Michael Watt himself, the Irishman David Pim, *who shook up sales ring* tradition when he first appeared and became a star turn, the young Edmond Mahoney, Richard Mildmay-White and Sir Peter Nugent, a very positive auctioneer.

The incantations are likely to run on these lines: "Who's got a hundred for her, she'll make it, good gracious me, I thought there'd be a show of hands... 100 thank you and *five in the gate... Habitat filly*, look at her, she's an athlete, 110 on the rail and 15 in the gate, and 20... fresh bidder... "

And so it goes on, ever upwards, developing a crescendo if two rival bidders emerge to fight it out, with the auctioneer, like the man with the drum in a Roman galley, relentlessly beating out the message to the oarsmen to keep at it, till they drop, which they finally do, bids exhausted. Then there is a final look round and, rap, down comes the hammer.

Certainly some of the lots on offer next week look as if they may provoke spirited tussles. They include a colt by the most powerful influence in today's breeding scene, Northern Dancer. This is an own-brother to the Irish 2,000 Guineas and Eclipse Stakes winner, Sadlers Wells.

There are four colts and a filly by Northern Dancer's son, the *Triple Crown winner*, Nijinsky. There is a half-sister by Caerleon to the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and dual Eclipse winner, Mtoto. Also a half-brother, by Law Society, to the Derby and Irish Derby winner, Shirley Heights.

Among these and the other lots, will there be a Derby winner? The chances, on the showing of the past decade, are odds against. Of the last 10 Derby winners, seven were home-bred and three bought in the sale ring: Henbit, Golden Fleece and Secreto.

So it *can* be done, and dreams can come true, as they came true 35 years ago for the late Sir Victor Sassoon after he had paid 1,500 guineas for Pinza at a Newmarket yearlings sale.

He once told me, even before Pinza had won the Coronation year Derby: "He was really a makeweight in the sale, but after all the geese I've bought, I now truly have a *swan*."

There will be, no doubt, a few successful bidders round the sale ring next week hoping that they may have bought just such a swan.

Origin of Highflyer

The Highflyer Sales are named after the unbeaten colt of that name on whom, as a stallion two centuries ago, the original fortunes of the firm of Tattersalls are founded.

Highflyer, a son of Herod, whose great rival at stud was Eclipse, was owned by Richard Tattersall, founder of the firm. Highflyer sired eight classic winners including the 1787 Derby winner, Sir Peter Teazle, whose progeny were responsible for carrying on the Highflyer line.

Tattersall was said to have earned £15,000 a year through this one stallion, named his new mansion Highflyer Hall, and paid eloquent testimony in the horse's epitaph: "Here lieth the perfect and beautiful symmetry of the much lamented Highflyer by whom and his wonderful offspring the celebrated Tattersall acquired a noble fortune but was not ashamed to acknowledge it..."

Today, the Highflyer male line is sadly extinct, and Eclipse has proved predominant.

Game Barford Lady provides perfect tonic for Huffer

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Geoff Huffer, the trainer of Persian Heights, was rushed to a Newmarket hospital on Thursday for an appendix operation and therefore missed seeing Gary Bardwell drive Barford Lady to a short-head win over Pat Eddery and Thaidah in the Taylor Woodrow Team Charity Stakes, the feature race at Ascot yesterday.

"*Geoff* got back from Ireland on Wednesday. He felt ill yesterday and was operated on last night. He'll be in hospital for a week," said Jack Banks, the assistant trainer.

Not for nothing is Bardwell, *the reigning champion* apprentice, known as the "Angry Ant." He rode a marvellous rhythmic finish on Barford Lady as Eddery launched a determined attack on the runner-up, which only just failed.

Hypercritically, Banks said afterwards: "I thought Gary hit the front too soon. Barford Lady has to be *held* for a *late run. But* the lad did well."

The assistant trainer also had news of Persian Heights, who is strongly fancied to beat Warning and Soviet Star in this afternoon's big race, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. "He injured his back when only finishing fourth in Ireland, but he's fine now. *I rode him in* a five furlong pipe-opener this morning and he went well. The going is perfect."

Despite 0.2 of an inch of *overnight rain*, drying winds had made the ground in perfect condition for Festival of Britain Day. After Willie Carson had finished second on Gallant Hope to Durasingh in the William Hill Golden Spurs, the former champion jockey said: "It is just about on the good side of firm. After I had won the first on the round course, I thought it was good to soft, but it is firmer in the straight."

As the 23 runners — *Breakaway* was withdrawn at the start — in the five-furlong sprint spread right across the course, Richard Fox sent Durasingh *clear of the stand-side runners* two furlongs from home.

Battling on strongly, the six-year-old resisted the late attack of Carson on Gallant Hope, on *the far side of the track, to* win by two lengths. Loft Boy was only a neck away in third place.

Carrying the colours worn on *Petong in* the 1984 Wokingham Stakes, the tubed six-year-old is trained by Michael Jarvis at Newmarket. He had already been bobdayed when he came to me at the start of the season," said the trainer. "So I had him *tubed* to see if it would work. I was worried that the headwind might hinder his breathing, but Richard kept him covered up for the first three furlongs.

Peggy Cottrell, the wife of Gallant Hope's trainer, said: "*He might* have won if he had something to race with. After all, a horse doesn't know that there is another race going on. Ashtina, our other runner, was stopped by *the wind*. Ian Johnson said he was going well when he pulled him out to challenge. But the wind snatched him and took him away like a kite."

If being *tubed helped* Durasingh, wearing blinkers for *the first time* had a similarly dramatic effect on Dust Devil, whom Carson rode to a six-length win for *John Dunlop* in the opening Hambro Countrywide Stakes.

"He just wasn't paying attention so we put the blinkers on and they did the trick," said Aubrey Ison, Dust Devil's American owner.

Although the jockeys all reported the going to be good, the time suggested a *slimming* down of conditions. Tancred Sand is therefore napped to win this afternoon's Tote Golden Festival Handicap. Denied a chance of winning the Ebor Handicap because of the firm going, Malcolm Jefferson's five-year-old quickened magnificently when winning at Ayr recently and at his current price of 20-1 appealed as one of the best each-way bets of the season.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Nottingham, Hamilton, Carlisle, Plumpton.

TUESDAY: Nottingham, Hamilton, Sedgefield.

WEDNESDAY: Newmarket, Brighton, Ludlow.

THURSDAY: Newmarket, Taunton.

FRIDAY: Newmarket, Goodwood, Haydock.

SATURDAY: Newmarket, Goodwood, Haydock, Chepstow, Kelso.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 2.0 Rimsh. **REDCAR:** 3.15 Yuno Why. 3.45 Geega, Yorkshire Princess. 4.15 Validate. 4.45 Sierra Snow. 5.15 Roxby Melody.

Eurobird for Leger double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

With more rain forecast at the Curragh, the gamble of Gordon Jennings in keeping last year's Jefferson Smurfit Memorial St Leger winner, Eurobird, in training as a four-year-old could pay off this afternoon with a repeat win in the last of the Irish classics.

Eurobird has only raced twice this season, but she showed clearly that she was recovering her best form last time out when failing by only a neck to give 16lb to the improved three-year-old Heavenly Manna.

Flop of the race last year was the 6-4 favourite, Moon Madness, who was the first horse beaten, trailing in second last. That failure was attributed to the very soft ground and while conditions should certainly be more suitable this time it is hard to escape the feeling that the 1986 Doncaster St Leger winner has shed much of his zest for racing.

He was tailed off in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth DiamondvStakes at Ascot and finished fifth of six to Top Class at Newbury last time out.

Linking up with this year's high quality English St Leger, we have Michael Stoute saddling Zaffaran, who finished fourth behind Minster Son. Prior to that Zaffaran had completed a treble including the March Stakes at Goodwood, but a 17-length gap from the St Leger winner Minster Son should surely leave him with some ground to find here.

John Reid found it hard to choose between Kris Kringle and Dark Lomond, but eventually elected for the former, who has not been seen out since finishing eighth in the French Derby. On a line of form through Maksud, he looks to be held by Zaffaran.

Heavenly Manna could be the best long-shot in the race but a win for **Eurobird** looks the most logical suggestion to this race, which has attracted its largest field since becoming a sponsored event.

CURRAGH LINE-UP

Probable going: good to yielding *Draw: no advantage*

3.35 JEFFERSON SMURFIT MEMORIAL IRISH ST LEGER (Group I: £105,000: 1m 6f) (14 runners)

1 051-124 ALWASMI (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-8 .... R Hills 8
2 11132-30 DAARKOM (A Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 5-9-8 .... G Duffield 12
3 0-13305 MOON MADNESS (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 5-9-8 .... T Ives 2
4 060050- SHARP NOBLE (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 6-9-8 .... P V Gilson 9
5 3-43613 WATERFIELD (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 4-9-8 .... P Shanahan 10
6 5211-02 EUROBIRD (B) (G Jennings) J Oxx 4-9-5 .... R Quinton 6
7 461-510 NAEVOG (Mrs J Byrne) L Browne 5-9-5 .... — 3
8 211064 CLIFTON CHAPEL (C Cyzer) S Norton 3-8-12 .... S Craine 5
9 643111 HEAVENLY MANNA (T Nicholson) P Mullins 3-8-12 .... C Roche 4
10 62311 HELENIKOS (Lord Iveagh) K Prendergast 3-8-12 .... D Parnell 7
11 313-124 KIICHI (M Smurfit) D Weld 3-8-12 .... M J Kinane 1
12 1130 KRIS KRINGLE (R Sangster) M V O'Brien 3-8-12 .... J Reid 11
13 2-2112 ZAFFARAN (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-12 .... W R Swinburn 13
14 2-2112 DARK LOMOND (S Niarchos) M V O'Brien 3-8-9 .... D Gillespie 14

BETTING: 3-1 Eurobird, 7-2 Zaffaran, 4-1 Moon Madness, 11-2 Kris Kringle, 10-1 Heavenly Manna, 12-1 Alwasmi, Waterfield, 16-1 Daarkom, Dark Lomond, 25-1 others.

1987: EUROBIRD 3-8-9 C Asmussen (9-4) J Oxx 8 ran

Form guide to the 14 contenders

Walter Swinburn misses the final day of the Ascot meeting to partner **ZAFFARAN**, winner over today's trip at Goodwood last month. On that occasion he beat Mazzacano ¾l in a Listed event, but was somewhat outpaced when 17l 4th to Minster Son in the English St Leger.

EUROBIRD, 8l winner last year, showed *signs of retained ability when a neck 2nd* to **HEAVENLY MANA** (9lb worse terms) and looks the one to head off the substantial English challenge. Vincent O'Brien has changed his big-race riding plans and John Reid now partners the lightly-raced **KRIS KRINGLE** in preference to course winner **DARK LOMOND**.

John Dunlop reports **MOON MADNESS** in fine shape despite below par performances on his last four starts. A disappointing 7th of 8 behind **EUROBIRD** in this event last term, he has only the Crowthers Yorkshire Cup (Group II) to his credit this term, *but can fair better here*.

DAARKOM showed improved form when landing the Ebor last season, but has looked out of sorts to date and is safely held on York (1m 6f) running when 5½l 3rd to **MOON MADNESS**. **ALWASMI** ran creditably on that occasion to finish ½l 5th and should reverse placings with **DAARKOM**. **NAEVOG** was a Listed winner last term, but looks held by both **DAARKOM** *and* **DARK LOMOND**.

Selection: ZAFFARAN

Playschool waiting for more Hennessy glory

By Christopher Goulding

Mystery still surrounds Playschool's disappointing *performance* in last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup where the David Barons's trained gelding was soon trailing the field and was eventually pulled up.

Jenifer Barons, the trainer's wife, said yesterday: "There has been no satisfactory outcome to the horse's below-par performance and the matter is still *open in the Jockey Club files*."

Playschool took all before him last season, winning the Hennessy Gold Cup, Welsh National and the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup. The Barons believed their star had been "got at" in the Gold Cup, but nothing has been proved.

"Playschool is very well and we expect to run him in early November," said Mrs Barons. "And if the handicapper is not too severe with him, *he'll go for* a second attempt at the Hennessy Gold Cup."

The Barons stable will be hoping that they can open their *account for the* season today at Stratford where their representative, *Danny's Luck*, lines up for the Anthony Robinson Memorial Novices Chase.

"We have not had that many runners," said Mrs Barons, "but there are some nice young horses in the yard.

"*Auction Law* , *winner of* both his two bumpers, will be a nice horse this year when he goes hurdling. Also, Sea Flower and Just This Once, who go *novice chasing, will win their* share of races," she said.

Oppidan, one of the opponents of Danny's Luck, will be the first runner of the season for *Oliver Sherwood*. Last season, Sherwood had his team in cracking form for the Cheltenham Festival, winning both the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle and Chase *with Rebel Song and* The West Awake respectively.

The West Awake, who showed his best form at Cheltenham having won last year's Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle, will not race until the New Year havingrecently undergone a pin-firing operation.

Sadeem heads Longchamp raid

Sadeem (Greville Starkey) heads a strong team of English stayers in the £21,430 Prix Gladiateur, over 2½ miles, at Longchamp tomorrow. Guy Harwood's Ascot Gold Cup winner is joined by Sergeyevich (Tony Ives) and Sudden Victory (Michael Hills).

In Cologne tomorrow, Shady Heights (Willie Carson) should pick up the group one Puma Europa Preis (12f), worth £79,932 to the winner. He is opposed by Highland Chieftain (Michael Roberts), unbeaten in *four starts in Germany*.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Our Tilly. 3.0 Some Dream. 3.30 Maitredee. 4.0 Oppidan. 4.30 Well Covered. 5.0 Point Made. *5.30 Lean Ort.*

Going: good to firm

2.30 MICHAELMAS SELLING HURDLE (£946: 2m) *(5 runners)*

2 P0-0 OUR TILLY 56 (D,F) J Colston 5-11-6 .... —
10 P-52 CEDAR RUN 5 R Simpson 5-11-0 .... —
13 -P30 THE BATCHLOR 14 (V) M Castell 5-11-0 S Neighbour (7)
17 S-4 NICHOLAS GOLD 18 T Caldwell 4-10-12 .... —
18 4 PETER'S BLUE 17 P Howling 4-10-12 .... G Heever (7)

6-4 Cedar Run, 9-4 Our Tilly, 9-2 The Batchlor, 7-1 Nicholas Gold, 10-1 Peter's Blue.

3.0 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,285: 2m) (17)

1 50-1 SHIKABELL 6 (D,F) P Jones 4-11-3 Jessica Charles Jones (7)
2 -311 SOME DREAM 10 (D,F) E Wheeler 4-11-3 .... J White
4 PP- CLEO LADY 201 W Mann 5-10-12 .... P Dever
8 P0P- LADY PRY 173 M Oliver 5-10-12 .... J Railton (7)
9 /5-0 LIFFEY TRAVEL 15 (G) N Mitchell 6-10-12 .... N Coleman
11 000- MISTRESS ROSS 173 G Thorner 5-10-12 .... S McNeill
18 PP-5 VELVET PEARL 23 (B) D Burchell 5-10-12 D J Burchell (4)
20 0PP- YOU CAN BE SURE 247 Mrs S Armytage 7-10-12 *Gee Armytage*
23 0 CLAIRET 32 W Kemp 4-10-10 .... S McKeever (7)
25 00-0 DODINGTON BELLE 40 D Jermy 4-10-10 .... J Brown (7)
26 GLENCAIRN LASS Miss A King 4-10-10 .... A Webb
30 65- LUMINOUS RUN 156 P Hobbs 4-10-10 .... Peter Hobbs
31 0P- MAJESTIC EVIL 292 B Palling 4-10-10 .... C Evans
33 P- SCAMPEROO 310 J Colston 4-10-10 .... —
34 3-0 SPANISH PRINCESS 35 G Enright 4-10-10 .... *M Perrett*
35 04- TEARFUL REUNION 117 Mrs M James 4-10-10 .... —
37 WINNIE THE WITCH Mrs I McKie 4-10-10 .... L Harvey

13-8 Some Dream, 5-2 Shikabell, 6-1 Mistress Ross, 8-1 Liffey Travel, 10-1 Tearful Reunion, 12-1 others.

3.30 KLAMPENBORG TROPHY (Handicap chase: £2,431: 2m 6f) (9)

1 55-4 GENERAL JOY 14 (F,S) D Nicholson 8-11-11 R Dunwoody
2 1152 LARRY'S BOTTLE 23 (F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 11-11-7 L Harvey
6 UPF- TULLAMARINE 168 (S) M Castell 11-11-2 .... M Bowlby
7 PFP- PERHAPS LUCKY 161 (F,G) P Hobbs 11-10-9 Peter Hobbs
8 121- NETHERBRIDGE 362 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-10-7 S McNeill
9 60-F DUNSTALL 21 (F,G,S) B Morgan 11-10-6 .... C Prince (7)
10 56F- STEEL VENTURE 152 (F,S) A James 9-10-0 .... J Bryan
11 -432 *MAITREDEE 15 (BF,F,S) N Mitchell 9-10-0* .... N Coleman
12 60-P KNOCK HARD 14 (G) Mrs S Minns 9-10-0 .... C Cox

7-4 Maitredee, 11-4 General Joy, 7-2 Netherbridge, 7-1 Larry's Bottle, 10-1 Steel Venture, 12-1 others.

4.0 ANTHONY ROBINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY *(£2,019: 2m) (7)*

1 1111 MY CUP OF TEA 16 (D,F) M Pipe 5-11-6. P Scudamore
3 0P-1 SKYGRANGE 14 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-4 .... B Powell
4 00-1 SOHAIL 12 (D,F,S) J White 5-11-2 .... K Burke
6 1-F3 DANNY'S LUCK 16 (BF,F,G) D Barons 6-10-12 P Nicholls
10 /F85- OPPIDAN 281 (S) O Sherwood 8-10-12 .... S Sherwood
11 0-00 ROMAN SEA 7 M Tate 7-10-12 .... R Dunwoody
13 66F- SWIFT GUIDE 198 K Bishop 8-10-12 .... S Earle

2-1 Skygrange, *3-1 My Cup of Tea*, 9-2 Sohail, 11-2 Oppidan, 7-1 Danny's Luck, 20-1 Roman Sea, Swift Guide.

4.30 RACING POST SERIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,794: 2m 6f) (7)

2 06P- MODERN MUSIC 393 (G,S) C Jackson 9-11-10 J Bryan
3 20- RUFCHA 105F (B,D,F) Mrs N Smith 7-11-8 Candy Morris (4)
4 8-43 WELL COVERED 22 (B,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-11-8 R Dunwoody
8 305- KAMADOOR 197 G Balding 5-11-5 .... J Frost
9 1/4- ROYAL CHARGE 378 (F,S) D Wellcome 7-11-2 *M Bastard*
12 442- WOODLAND GENERATOR 127 (S) P Pritchard 9-10-12 R Stronge
17 04-6 BABY COME HOME 16 Mrs A Knight 4-10-0 ... G Knight

9-4 Royal Charge, 11-4 Well Covered, 11-2 Kamadoor, 7-1 Woodland Generator, 9-1 Baby Come Home, 12-1 others.

5.0 COUTURE MARKETING LADY RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP ***HANDICAP HURDLE*** (£1,811: 2m) (9)

2 5214 PALLAVICINA 14 (D,F) W Clay 8-11-11 (7ex) Diane Clay (4)
3 3850 BLACK RIVER 4 (B,D,F,S) P Davis 7-11-10 Tamya Davis (4)
4 232-0 KARNATAK 7 (CD,F) J Spearing 7-11-10 Lorna Vincent
5 6S1- POINT MADE 117 (D,F) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 Penny Ffitch-Heyes
8 00- DIMENSION 35F (B,D,S) Mrs N Smith 6-11-3 Candy Morris (4)
11 F03- CANDLELIGHT DINNER 488 (S) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-11 Jacqui Oliver (7)
12 /534- LULAV 117 (D,G,S) J Bridger 10-10-11 *Rachel Bridger (7)*
13 2833 CRIMSON LADY 7 P Rodford 7-10-8 .... Gee Armytage
18 0-46 TIARUM 15 (CD,G,S) A Chamberlain 6-10-0 *Miss A Harwood (7)*

5-2 Crimson Lady, 100-30 Pallavicina, 5-1 Lulav, 13-2 Black River, 8-1 Point Made, 10-1 others.

5.30 SHOTTERY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,262: 3m 2f) (8)

3 23-1 WOODSIDE ROAD 7 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-1 (5ex) R Dunwoody
4 1UP- LEAN ORT 145 (CD,F,G,S) S Christian 10-11-6 A Mulholland (4)
6 5-P2 NEVILLE'S-DELIGHT 7 (G,S) N Painting 9-10-11 B Powell
7 P40- EDENSPRING 528 (F,S) R Curtis 9-10-7 .... R Goldstein
8 63P- GIOLLA WAY 145 (D,F,G) D Gandolfo 9-10-7 S McNeill
10 0-2U WINSOR BOND 21 (S) J Bukovets 10-10-2 .... J D Doyle
11 3R23 BREENAMORE 5 W Kemp 6-10-0 .... S McKeever (7)
14 -222 GREY TARQUIN 24 (D,F) J Bridger 15-10-0 *Rachel Bridger (7)*

3-1 Woodside Road, 7-2 Winsor Bond, 9-2 Grey Tarquin, 6-1 Lean Ort, *7-1 Breenamore, 8-1 others.*

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs Pitman, 9 winners from 40 runners, 22.5%; M Pipe, 13 from 60, 21.7%; D Burchell, *6 from 28, 21.4%*; D Nicholson, 9 from 45, 20.0%; O Sherwood, 4 from 23, 17.4%; D Gandolfo, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Peter Hobbs, *6 winners from 26 rides*, 23.1%; S Sherwood, 7 from 36, 19.4%; R Dunwoody, 18 from 94, 19.1%; D J Burchell, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Scudamore, 11 from 78, 14.1%; B Powell, 7 from 62, 11.3%.

The perfect stage for our equestrian heroes

A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses.
No 4: *STRATFORD*

I saw young Harry, with his beaver on,
His cushes on his thighs, gallantly arm'd,
Rise from the ground like feather'd Mercury,
And vaulted with such ease into his seat,
As if an angel dropp'd down from the cloud,
To turn and wind a fiery Pegasus,
And witch the world with noble horsemanship.

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

So wrote Shakespeare in Henry IV (Part 1) of young Harry Hotspur, a forerunner of Richard Dunwoody, Peter Scudamore and Steve Smith Eccles, the equestrian heroes whose deeds thrill the crowds at Stratford racecourse these days.

Quite what the Bard would make of this derring-do on his doorstep is hard to know. Suffice it to say that the racecourse draws crowds that would be the envy of any theatre manager, and that includes the eminently popular Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Stratford racecourse is likeable, because of its friendly ambience, its competitive sport, and its value for money. You meet the genuine National Hunt enthusiast here, the person for whom Flat racing in June and July is an irritating diversion to be ignored or, at best, tolerated while broken bones are mended and old equine friends summer lazily in their paddocks.

Evening racing at Stratford in May and June is a delight. Often there is a hunter chase, such as the *Horse and Hound* Cup, at the final meeting of the season which is held on the Saturday after the Derby. Hunting folk support their horses with a fierce and noisy loyalty which adds a little spice to the proceedings.

The worst thing about Stratford is that getting there can be a nightmare. If you believe that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive, then take the A34 from Oxford to Stratford, arriving five miles from the town centre one hour before the first, and then see how many races you miss.

The trick is to leave the A34, south of Stratford, and make *your way via delightful* Warwickshire villages such as Welford-upon-Avon, skirting the town until you reach the Evesham road, turn right and *you will reach the track after a* couple of miles.

The Tote has built a new stand with extra facilities for racegoers and private boxes. This was not before time as the existing stands cannot contain *the present throng* in any comfort. There is also a new weighing room and bar.

Crowds of 10,000-plus are commonplace at Stratford and racing correspondents have a rare old time forcing their way *through the crush from the press* box to the unsaddling enclosure to interview connections after races.

Stratford has been voted *Racecourse of the Year by the* members of the Racegoers Club. This ranks it alongside Sandown, a frequent victor in this annual poll, Newbury, York and Ascot.

While the facilities cannot possibly compare with these group one tracks, Stratford's popularity owes much to the catering which is private, good value, providing fresh, locally-prepared fare.

There are not too many racecourses where you can still buy a bottle of vintage champagne for as little as £25. In summer, there is a Buck's Fizz stand at £1.85 a glass.

The course invariably provides good ground which is popular with owners and trainers and encourages competitive fields. Credit for this is due to the groundsman, Reg Lomas, who has been there almost as long as the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

One black mark, though. In common with Lingfield Park, the Stratford executive refuses *to provide more than two complimentary tickets for owners*. These days many horses are shared by four people or even syndicated among a dozen. *Other racecourses allow four* tickets to partnership horses. Stratford should not bite the hand that feeds it.

Rating

One jockey's cap denotes Awful, two: Bearable, three: Average, four: Very good, five: Excellent.

ALL THE DETAILS

The course is almost 100 miles from London (via Oxford and the A34) and is sandwiched between the M5 to the West and the M1 to the East. Travelling by train is little better than road and takes upwards of two *hours from Euston, changing at* Coventry. The road journey will take two hours plus.

Admission. Members, £7.50. Annual membership for the 13 meetings is £45, plus £5 for car parking, a rise of 25 per cent this year. Tattersalls, £5.50. Course enclosure, £3.00. Accompanied children under 16, free.

Car parking, free for the most part, but £2 *in the members'* car park.

Inquiries to: Clerk of the Course, Lt-Cmdr John Ford, or Racecourse Manager, Mrs Alison Gale, at the Racecourse, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire (0789 67949).

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: Nudity discouraged.

CATERING: Restaurant may be booked through the course. Good cold salads may be enjoyed in the members' bar-restaurant overlooking the winning post, cooked by local firm J & D Caterers. Mark *Coles (01-839-3011) is in charge of* the bars.

BIG-RACE DATES: *Horse and Hound* Cup, June 4.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Ascot

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 2f) **1, DUST DEVIL** (W Carson, 11-2); **2, Cruise Ship** (W Ryan, 16-1); **3, Shareef Sailor** (W R Swinburn, 5-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav *Busted Rock (6th)*, Forest Flame, 15-2 Fond Kiss (4th), 8 Bonny Quiver, 12 Darnelle, 33 Mumtaz Jamal (5th). 9 ran. NR: Johns Joy. 6l, 1l, sh hd, sh hd, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £62.40. CSF: £87.13. Tricast: £331.76. 2min 11.33sec.

3.5 (5f) **1, DURASINGH** (R Fox, 9-1); **2, Gallant Hope** (W Carson, 14-1); **3, Loft Boy** (S Dawson, 20-1); **4, North Of Watford** (G Hind, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 fav Chaplins Club, 12 Another Rhythm (5th), P J Kelly, 14 Ashtina, J Cheever Loophole, Lively Pebbles (6th), Sid Captain, Sully's Choice, 16 Micro Love, 20 Carol's *Treasure*, Come On Chase Me, Derwent Valley, Mukhabbr, Tylers Wood. 25 Polykratis, 33 Celtic Bird, Greenhill Jazz Time, Lochtillum, Singing Steven. 23 ran. 2l, nk, hd, 1½l, nk. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £9.70; £2.70, £2.50, £5.00, £6.80. DF: £64.70. CSF: £119.13. Tricast: £2,226.86. 1min 04.74sec. Breakaway (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule four applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

3.40 (1m) **1, BARFORD LADY** (G Bardwell, 20-1); **2, Thaidah** (Pat Eddery, 5-1); **3, Dismiss** (Dana Mellor, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-favs Ohsomellow (6th), Jungle Jezebel, 11-2 Nishlia (4th), 6 Dowager Empress (5th), Farewell *Song*. 8 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, 2l, 5l, nk. G Huffer at Newmarket. Tote: £18.50; £3.00, £2.40, £3.10. DF: *£70.30*. CSF: £105.91. *Tricast*: £1,485.09. 1min 49.13sec.

Redcar

Going: firm

1.45 (7f) **1, HUNTER VALLEY** (Dean *McKeown*, 5-1); **2, *Mohammed El-Sahu*** (A Clark, 9-4 fav); **3, Kings Ash** (K Bradshaw, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Meeson Scrap (6th), 11-2 Blakesware Breeze, 8 Murtika Reef, 14 Ace Trouper, Renwood Girl, 16 Crofter's Court (5th), Moymet, 20 Clonellon Girl, 25 Andhra, 33 Technique, 50 Clonbrock Boy, Seldom In (4th), Stapehill, Weavers Bay, Long Walk In, Poor Relation. 19 ran. ¾l, 6l, 2½l, 2½l, hd. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £7.20; £1.80, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £11.70. CSF: £17.85. No bid.

2.15 (7f) **1, ELA-AYABI-MOU** (J Quinn, 14-1); **2, Doubtfire** (Dean McKeown, 16-1); **3, Yuno When** (J Bleasdale, 16-1); **4, *Heavenly* Note** (*N Connorton*, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Another March, 8 Les Main Douces, 9 Lady Speed Stick (6th), Melody, 12 Honour The Wind, *Premier* Prince, 14 Colleens Daughter, Go Rabali Go (5th), Good Holidays, Revaro, Seglawy, 16 Trace of Irony, 20 Crimson Glen, *Miss Sarahsue*, 25 Gypsy Pegs, Isober, 25 Outstanding Bill, 33 Belfort Princess, Highland Park, Bold Singer. 24 ran. NR: Burtonwoods Best. ¾l, *nk, nk, sh* hd, ¾l. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £16.10; £3.00, £7.70, £10.80, £3.50. DF: £49.10. CSF: £238.19. Tricast: £3,339.90.

2.45 (7f) **1, BURKES PROGRESS** (K Hodgson, 100-30 fav); **2, Flame Of Aragon** (Dean McKeown, 100-30 *jt-fav*); **3, Just Gerard** (S Perks, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Holster (6th), 7 Imbola, Tina's Gift (5th), 10 Miss Creesong (4th), Return To Romance, 12 Knowetop, 16 Lucky Sunday, Fast And Free, 20 Pound Green, 25 Swank Gilbert, 8 Sir Andrew Lewis, Break The Duck, *Navarro Girl, Reverend* Mother. 17 ran. NR: Burndach Girl. hd, nk, 4l, ¾l, 3l. R O'Leary at Great Habton. Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £1.50, £4.40. DF: £39.30. CSF: £17.20. Bought in for 3,000gns.

3.15 (7f) **1, MARTIAL LAW** (N Connorton, 6-1); **2, Rampant Ron** (D Nicholls, 10-1); **3, Ned's Aura** (K Fallon, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8-13 *Jannubi* (4th), 12 Slepey Lane, Tawnais (6th), *16 Bold* Habit, Courageous Bidder, Sunley Princes (5th), 33 Fly Far. 10 Sharpo's Lad. 11 ran. 1l, 2½l, 1½l, 5l, nk. J Watts at *Richmond*. Tote: £12.20; £3.70, £3.80, £3.70. DF: £110.20. CSF: £82.75.

3.50 (1m 1f) **1, PRINCESS ZEPOLI** (B Raymond, Evens fav); **2, Mill Loft** (N Connorton, 9-1); **3, Quick Sticks** (S Wood, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6 *Errema* (4th), 10 Brenig, 10 Gunsbee Royd, 11 Gypsy's Barn Rat, 16 Fitteries Park (5th), My-Elane (6th), 25 Persian Joy, 50 Enchanting Kate, Rubys Gem, 100 Owl's Way. 13 ran. NR: Kirkby Flyer. 1½l, 1½l, 1l, 1½l, 1½l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, *£3.00. £8.60. DF: £4.80*. CSF: £11.56. Tricast: £98.09.

Worcester

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m hdle) **1, Seaton Girl** (J Frost, 11-4); **2, Baby Alex** (10-1); **3, Sparkling Judy** (16-1). The Great Match 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 10l, 2l. R Frost. Tote: £4.20; £1.10, £2.70, £3.10. DF: £16.00. CSF: £27.16. Bought in, 3,900gns.

3.0 (2m ch) **1, Deep Ridge** (W Irvine, 4-1); **2, Sidvic** (33-1); **3, Mulben** (9-1). Torre Trader 7-2 fav (f). 10 ran. 2l, ¾l. R Hodges. *Tote: £4.40*; £1.90, £4.30, £1.80. DF: £132.70. CSF: £95.89. Tricast: £1,021.28.

3.30 (2m hdle) **1, Aram Lily** (G McCourt, *7-4 fav*); **2, *Elegant Isle*** (5-2); **3, Vickstown** (20-1). 11 ran. 10l, sh hd. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £1.50, £7.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.36.

4.0 (2½m ch) **1, Lor Moss** (C Smith, 2-1 jt fav); **2, Bartines Star** (7-1); **3, Eight Springs** (2-1 jt fav). *4 ran.* 2½l, 7l. A Leighton. Tote: £3.40. DF: £6.50. CSF: £11.62.

4.30 *(2m 2f hdle)* **1, *Thurlestone*** (H Davies, 16-1); **2, Ravensdale Road** (14-1); **3, Mum's Girl** (5-1). Norman Invader 11-10 fav. *14 ran*. NR: Prince Celtic. 2l, 12l. T Forster. Tote: £10.10; £1.80, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £40.00. CSF: £187.00.

Hunter Valley lands gamble

Hunter Valley, well supported at 5-1, landed a nice touch for trainer Linda Ramsden in the first division of the Scarborough Selling Stakes at Redcar yesterday.

Well ridden by Dean McKeown, Mrs Ramsden's youngster struck the front a furlong out to beat 9-4 favourite Mohammed El-Sahu by *half* a length.

McKeown came desperately close to completing a double when Doubtfire was pipped by 14-1 shot Ela-Ayabi-Mou in the Newby Nursery. Saddled by Pip Payne, Ela-Ayabi-Mou was a fourth nursery success of the year for the young Newmarket trainer.

- Luca Cumani's Polar Gap (Jean-Luc Samyn), and the ex-English Merce Cunningham (Gary Stevens) tackle the $500,000 added Man O'War Stakes at Belmont Park, New York, *today*, over 11 furlongs

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Speedy Soviet Star to take centre stage

By Mandarin

Soviet Star, with more group one victories to his name than the rest of the field put together, looks an outstanding proposition in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, centrepiece of today's Festival of British Racing at Ascot.

Despite his five successes at the highest level, André Fabre's four-year-old has never received the credit he deserves, his detractors claiming for a long time that he had not beaten a horse of true quality.

Those critics were silenced once and for all at Longchamp earlier this month when Soviet Star became the first of his sex to master the mighty Miesque in the Prix du Moulin.

In his previous race, the Nureyev colt had finished out of the first two for the only time in his career when fourth in the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville behind Miesque, Warning and the little-known Gabina.

There were sound reasons for Soviet Star's lacklustre showing that day, though. The ground was riding very fast, the early pace was very slow and Cash Asmussen was unable to cover him up in such a small field.

With Prince Rupert likely to try and repeat his surprise all-the-way Waterford Crystal Mile win, Asmussen should be able to conserve Soviet Star's speed for much longer in this slightly larger field.

Any further rain before the race would also be greatly in Soviet Star's favour and against his principal rival, Warning. Indeed, Guy Harwood has indicated that Warning could be pulled out if the ground becomes soft.

Warning has fully lived up to the rich promise of his two-year-old campaign in his last two races, outclassing the opposition in the Sussex Stakes before chasing home Miesque at Deauville.

However, there is little doubt that further rain will blunt his acceleration and, in the belief that Soviet Star did not run his true race at Deauville, the French challenger is confidently expected to take his revenge.

> **‘Individual racehorses change people's lives. Geoff Huffer's memory of how it happened to him goes like this:**
>
> **"It was one cold morning in February last year. The two-year-olds had been broken in about two months and we were down on the bit of the Heath called 'Lord Derby's private training ground'.**
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> **"About eight of them came out of the mist, all but one of them really galloping. He was the other one. This great big chestnut just lobbing along. He was floating. I felt like the Lord had sent me a million pounds out of the mist."’**
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> *Paul Haigh, of Racing Post, on Persian Heights, one of today's big-race runners*

Persian Heights, the best horse Geoff Huffer has trained, disappointed in Ireland last time but had previously looked top class when winning the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and the International Stakes at York, where he was subsequently disqualified and placed third.

However, three separate form lines, through Shady Heights, Caerwent and Blushing John, suggest that Persian Heights has something to find with my nap, even on his best form.

Kefaah faces a tough task in tackling a mile for the first time in a race as good as this and victory would represent a fine training performance by Luca Cumani.

I prefer both Salse and Prince Rupert but the former has yet to prove himself at a mile while the latter would have to improve again on his Goodwood performance to take a hand here.

Magic Of Life enjoyed her finest hour over today's course and distance in the Coronation Stakes but was found wanting when tackling older horses for the first time at Goodwood and seems unlikely to trouble the principals.

Henry Cecil, who won both the Hoover Fillies' Mile and Royal Lodge Stakes with Diminuendo and Sanquirico 12 months ago, again has worthy representatives in Tessla and High Estate.

The latter is strongly fancied to extend his unbeaten run to five in the colts' contest but Tessla may find Roseate Tern just too strong in the fillies' race. The West Ilsley representative is 3lb better off with Tessla for the short head which separated them at Doncaster.

The other group race on the card, the Krug Diadem Stakes, looks tailor-made for Cadeaux Genereux, who returns to his optimum trip and has Pat Eddery, who rides him so well, in the saddle.

Casey, winner of the group two Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster on her latest start, looks the pick of the weights in the second running of the Tote Festival Handicap. That race was almost three furlongs longer, though, and she won only because several of her rivals failed to stay the trip.

Kazaviyna was one of those and she has the better previous form over today's distance of 1½ miles. She also had Casey behind her when winning Goodwood's Extel Stakes in July.

The opening Brent Walker Handicap looks a minefield for form students but In Glory is suggested as an outsider with strong each-way possibilities.

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Joey Black. 2.30 Wise Cracker. 3.0 Tapageur. 3.30 Sam Da Vinci. 4.0 Derrycreha Lass. 4.30 Hogmanay. 5.0 Lovelyroseofclare.

Going: good to firm

2.0 WAINFLEET SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£960: 2m) (16 runners)

1 300- KILLARY BAY 175 (V,D,F,G) K Stone 6-11-10 J Hayes (7)
2 4124 BRUNDEAN BREEZE 15 (D,F,S) R Juckes 7-11-9 W McFarland (7)
3 3P2- ICEN 117 (D,G,S) H Fleming 10-11-7 S Cunningham (7)
4 21-0 TOPORI 56 (D,F,G,S) D Wintle 9-11-1 A Carroll
6 F6P- MONCLARE TROPHY 172 (D,F) P Bevan 9-11-0 J Burton (7)
7 0515 HOME COMMAND 14 (D,F,G) J Bradley 8-10-12 T Pinfield (7)
8 F50- MUSICAL WILL 267 (D,F) F Jordan 6-10-12 C Smith
10 41/2 RED BOLT 14 (D,F) P Anderson 6-10-7 T Wall
11 4325 HAY STREET 28 J Wales 7-10-6 S Keightley
12 60-0 SUPER SOL 19 K Morgan 4-10-5 H Davies
15 0P-P FULL OF DREAMS 15 (V) G Gracey 7-10-4 D Morris
17 0-US DANCING TOM 18 T Fairhurst 5-10-3 M Dwyer
19 PP-0 PIPIOLA 56 Miss G Rees 4-10-1 W Worthington
21 -052 JOEY BLACK 12 P Blockley 4-10-1 R Crank
22 PPP- MONKS TIME 243 Mrs S Austin 9-10-1 —
23 PPP- RIGTON ANGLE 186 N Bradley 7-10-1 N Smith (7)

3-1 Red Bolt, 4-1 Joey Black, 5-1 Icen, 7-1 Hay Street, Home Command, 10-1 Brundean Breeze, 14-1 others.

2.30 SKEGBY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,830: 2m) (7)

1 150- SLIEVE FELIM 158 (CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-12-7 C Grant
2 1553 SHARP SONG 21 (CD,BF,F,G) T Fairhurst 7-11-6 H Davies
3 269- BARTINAS STAR 112 (D,F,G,S) P Bevan 8-11-2 —
5 111- BIG ASH 113 (B,D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 M Dwyer
6 P-10 WISE CRACKER 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Blockley 7-10-13 J Osborne
7 22-4 TRAFALGAR BLUE 12 (D,G,S) C Beever 8-10-5 C Dennis (4)
8 611- BORLEAFRAS 163 (D,F,G,S) D Moffatt 8-10-0 K Ryan (4)

15-8 Slieve Felim, 5-2 Trafalgar Blue, 3-1 Big Ash, 7-1 Wise Cracker, 8-1 Barbna's Star, 16-1 Borleafras, Sharp Song.

3.0 BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,777: 2m) (15)

1 1P1 ROYAL DERBI 5 (D,F) N Callaghan 11-5 D Murphy
3 1 TAPAGEUR 16 (D,F) F Jordan 11-2 C Smith
6 PASSION KING 28F M H Easterby 10-9 R Marley
7 43 SHARP ORDER 29 Miss S Wilton 10-9 S Smith-Eccles
9 ILL GOTTEN GAINS W A Stephenson 10-5 C Grant
10 4 JUBAIL 28 K Morgan 10-5 H Davies
13 2 LOBRIC 45 (BF) J Jenkins 10-5 R Rowe
15 QUEL ECLAT Mrs S Austin 10-5 G Charles-Jones
19 5 YOUNG GERARD 76 M Chapman 10-5 J A Harris
23 BALTIMORE TO PARIS 161F P Liddle 10-0 Ger Lyons (4)
24 BORROKINO 15F M Avison 10-0 R Fahey
25 EMLYN ROSE 19F P Bevan 10-0 J Burton (7)
26 3 LOVING 8 (V) G Blum 10-0 J Barlow
28 60 RASPBERRY COPSE 19 K Morgan 10-0 J Osborne
29 SPRING CROCUS 80F G Gracey 10-0 D Morris

5-4 Royal Derbi, 5-2 Tapageur, 4-1 Passion King, 7-1 Lobric, 14-1 Sharp Order, 16-1 Ill Gotten Gains, 20-1 others.

3.30 MARKET RASEN CHAMBER OF TRADE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,864: 3m) (5)

1 331- VILLIERSTOWN 112 (D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-12-7 C Grant
4 F-36 SAM DA VINCI 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Blundell 9-11-7 M Brennan
6 RF-P OYDE HILLS 12 (D,G) K Morgan 9-10-0 J Osborne
9 P3-4 GOLD CASTE 56 (CD,F) K Morgan 11-10-0 S Turner
11 4-12 TURN BLUE 28 (CD,F,G,S) R Champion 9-10-0 R Rowe

6-4 Villierstown, 11-4 Sam Da Vinci, 7-2 Turn Blue, 8-1 Gold Caste, 16-1 Oyde Hills.

4.0 YORK BAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,870: 2m 4f) (14)

1 P30- RED RUDDEL 145 (C,G,S) J Hanson 5-12-1 G Bradley
2 322- THIRD IN LINE 172 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-7 M Dwyer
3 1-34 LOTTIE'S FURY 19 (BF,F,G) W A Stephenson 4-11-6 C Grant
5 164- OXFORD PLACE 303 (G,S) Ronald Thompson 4-11-3 G Harker
6 4110 GOOD CAUSE 26 (F) Miss S Wilton 4-10-13 S Smith Eccles
9 F00- ELLA ROSA 112 (G) A Fisher 7-10-11 D Fisher
10 226- PERSIAN SPLENDOUR 128 (G) J Blundell 4-10-11 M Brennan
12 31-2 DERRYCREHA LASS 7 (D,F,G) O O'Neill 9-10-10 W Humphreys (4)
13 35P- WARCHANT 182 (D,F,G) R Whitaker 6-10-9 M Ennis
14 -321 RED PROCESSION 28 (V,C,F) P Liddle 4-10-9 Ger Lyons (4)
15 1215 FINGERS CROSSED 4 (C,F,G,S) K Morgan 4-10-5 S Turner (4)
16 0P-6 FOREMAST 54 (S) J Jenkins 5-10-2 R Rowe
17 5F0- STORMY MONARCH 112 (G,S) G Jones 7-10-2 G Jones
18 50F/ TARTAR TUDOR 931 R Thompson 7-10-0 —

3-1 Red Procession, 9-2 Derrycreha Lass, 7-1 Lottie's Fury, Oxford Place, 8-1 Fingers Crossed, 10-1 others.

4.30 IKE CAMPBELL NOVICES CHASE (£1,411: 2m 5f) (9)

1 1143 VULNERABLE 15 (CD,F,S) M Chapman 7-12-3 S Turner
3 44-U HOGMANAY 26 (BF,F) R Casey 6-11-8 Steve Knight
5 4623 IN A NUTSHELL 14 (C,F,G) K Morgan 7-11-8 H Davies
10 6F-3 AH HELLO 26 J Jenkins 7-11-5 R Rowe
11 000/ BEAGH CASTLE 494 R Tate 7-11-5 P Dennis
12 P-P0 CLOSE FLAME 26 (G) P Blockley 7-11-5 R Crank
13 0- DICEY TIME 396 P Blockley 6-11-5 R Crank
20 45 NARANA 19 W A Stephenson 4-10-5 C Grant
21 0-25 WISCONSIN 16 M Chapman 4-10-0 J A Harris

9-4 Hogmanay, 7-2 Narana, 5-1 Ah Hello, Vulnerable, 7-1 Wisconsin, 10-1 Dicey Times, 16-1 others.

5.0 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT (£648: 2m) (8)

2 06- FOXY BOY 344 J Blundell 5-11-7 —
4 KAMSEL W A Stephenson 5-11-7 A Stafford (7)
5 2-1 LOVELYROSEOFCLARE 7 (F) J Pearce 4-11-7 C Huggan (7)
8 0- FARINA STREAM 213 M Avison 4-11-5 Mr R Byrne (7)
11 OKYPOUS Mrs S Austin 4-11-5 S Turner (4)
13 SAILORS SONNET M H Easterby 4-11-5 R Garritty (7)
15 3 JAUNTY SLAVE 22 J Leigh 4-11-0 Mr J Barton
17 ROBINS CHOICE R Tate 4-11-0 Miss F Tate (7)

13-8 Lovelyroseofclare, 11-4 Sailors Sonnet, 3-1 Kamsel, 7-1 Jaunty Slave, 10-1 Robins Choice, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 16 winners from 66 runners, 24.2%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 23 from 126, 18.3%; Miss G Rees, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Jenkins, 6 from 35, 17.1%; P Blockley, 5 from 39, 12.8%; W A Stephenson, 15 from 119, 12.6%.

JOCKEYS: Steve Knight, 3 winners from 3 rides, 100.0%; G Bradley, 13 from 43, 30.2%; R Rowe, 6 from 23, 26.1%; S Smith Eccles, 4 from 18, 22.2%; C Grant, 17 from 80, 21.3%; M Dwyer, 18 from 86, 20.9%.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Mirandhina. 2.45 Steady State. 3.15 Cottage Rhythm. 3.45 J J Jimmy. 4.15 Dereks Daughter. 4.45 Leven Lass.

Marten Julian's revised nap: 3.45 **J J JIMMY.**

Going: good to firm

2.15 BROTHERSWATER NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

7 600- PALS GALORE 155 D McCain 6-10-11 G McCourt
9 450- THE PIKE 175 Mrs V Aconley 5-10-11 J J Quinn
10 6-30 WREKIN HILL 19 W Stephenson 6-10-11 A Merrigan (4)
11 114- MIRANDINHA 148 (F,S) D Eddy 4-10-9 D Byrne (4)
12 6-25 QUASSIMI 28 G Richards 4-10-9 P Tuck
13 20-S TREBLEIM 18 T Barnes 4-10-9 P A Farrell (4)
14 B50- ARCTIC RYMES 142 Miss J Eaton 5-10-6 —
18 0/ TOY-APPOLLO 7573 W Stephenson 12-10-6 J O'Gorman (7)
19 5 APRILS HOPE 26 C Thornton 4-10-4 D Wilkinson

7-4 Mirandinha, 3-1 Quassimi, 9-2 Aprils Hope, 6-1 Toy Appollo, 8-1 Pals Galore, 10-1 Trembleim, 12-1 others.

2.45 THIRLMERE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £835: 2m 1f 110y) (7)

22 50 FAUXBOURDON 28 Mrs G Reveley 10-9 P Niven
26 5B STEADY STATE 21 N Tinkler 10-9 G McCourt
27 6330 BUZZARDS MAID 19 (B) A Brown 10-4 —
28 DOMITORA 35F W Pearce 10-4 N Doughty
29 6 FINAL TRIP 3 P Monteith 10-4 D Nolan
210 GREENWAY GIRL Mrs G Reveley 10-4 N Smith (7)
212 MARLOWVOUS 45F A Stringer 10-4 J J Quinn

8-11 Steady State, 7-2 Greenway Girl, 6-1 Domitora, 12-1 Fauxbourdon, 14-1 others.

3.15 WEST CUMBERLAND INSULATION CO. 'RED RUM' HANDICAP CHASE (£2,418: 3m) (6)

2 566- NAUTICAL JOKE 128 (D,G,S) W Stephenson 9-12-4 A Merrigan (4)
3 F4B- POLLY'S PAL 168 (C,D,F,S) S Payne 10-11-13 P Niven
7 041- HAZY GLEN 142 (D,G,S) T Barnes 10-10-7 P A Farrell (4)
8 5F-1 CONCLUSIVE 48 (D,F) G Richards 9-10-5 J Hansen
9 -411 COTTAGE RHYTHM 7 (D,F,G,S) P Blockley 12-10-4 (4ex) P Niven
13 U4-R THETCHU 19 (G,S) W Reed 10-10-0 —

Evens Conclusive, 9-4 Cottage Rhythm, 5-1 Hazy Glen, 8-1 Nautical Joke, 10-1 Polly's Pal, 16-1 Thetchu.

3.45 WEST CUMBERLAND INSULATION CO. HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,456: 2m 4f) (6)

1 211- BLAZING WALKER 133 (D,S) W Stephenson 4-12-7 —
2 1-40 CASUAL PASS 21 (F,S) G Richards 5-11-6 P Tuck
3 052- HOTPLATE 119 (C,D,S) D McCain 5-11-2 G McCourt
8 115- YOUNG WARRIOR 171 (D,S) Miss M Bell 4-10-3 M Hammond
9 600- SNOW BABU 154 (D,S) D Moffatt 6-10-2 —
10 -1S1 J J JIMMY 12 (D,F,S) D Eddy 4-10-0 (5ex) D Byrne (4)

9-4 Casual Pass, 3-1 Blazing Walker, 4-1 J J Jimmy, 6-1 Hotplate, 8-1 Young Warrior, 10-1 Snow Babu.

4.15 JOURNAL RACING EXTRA NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (£1,205: 2m 4f) (10)

1 U-1 DEREKS DAUGHTER 18 (D,F) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-13 P Niven
5 -P40 HELLCATMUDWRESTLER 3 W McGhie 7-10-11 J J Quinn
9 -242 NEW KINGSGROVE 18 (G) P Monteith 9-10-11 D Nolan
10 F5-3 PIGEON ISLAND 36 P Blockley 6-10-11 A Costello (7)
11 F3P- RUNNING SHOT 130 E Alston 7-10-11 —
12 404- BAY MINSTREL 138 W Stephenson 5-10-9 —
13 400- BOLD SPARTAN 145 J Oliver 5-10-9 T Reed
14 0-55 MARSIR 28 F Robinson 5-10-9 —
17 0UP- WORTHY LIGHT 140 E Robson 7-10-6 B Storey
18 00-3 ESPLEY LADY 28 W Stephenson 5-10-4 A Merrigan (4)

2-1 Dereks Daughter, 3-1 New Kingsgrove, 7-2 Espley Lady, 6-1 Pigeon Island, 12-1 Bay Minstrel, 14-1 others.

4.45 ULLSWATER NOVICES' HURDLE (£685: 2m 1f 110y) (9)

2 00- BROAD STREET 138 A Brown 5-10-11 —
5 204- FLODDEN FIELD 197 B Wilkinson 5-10-11 M Hammond
6 4/-0 KOUS 19 (V) W Storey 5-10-11 —
7 0F- ROGERS RUN 133 W Stephenson 5-10-11 A Merrigan (4)
9 /05- WEST ENDER 346 J Jefferson 5-10-11 J J Quinn
10 S80- MR FENWICK 166 F Storey 4-10-9 —
12 50-0 EILLIE ON 19 J Goulding 5-10-6 B Storey
15 2 LEVEN LASS 26 Mrs G Reveley 4-10-4 P Niven
18 0P-0 MAJESTIC MISS 56 G Oldroyd 4-10-4 —

6-4 Flodden Field, 5-2 Leven Lass, 4-1 West Ender, 7-1 Kous, Rogers Run, 12-1 others

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Thornton, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; W McGhie, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G Richards, 20 from 106, 18.9%; D Moffatt, 5 from 32, 15.6%; Mrs G Reveley, 3 from 21, 14.3%; D McCain, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 14 winners from 59 rides, 23.7%; D Wilkinson, 3 from 16, 18.8%; T Reed, 5 from 39, 12.8%; P Tuck, 10 from 88, 11.4%; M Hammond, 3 from 30, 10.0%. (Only qualifiers)

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● Seaton Girl gave the Frost family their sixth winner of the season when easily landing the Wilson Environmental Services Selling Hurdle at wind-blown Worcester yesterday. Delaying his challenge until the final flight, Jimmy Frost brought Seaton Girl with a smooth run to score by 10 lengths from Baby Alex.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 In Glory.	2.00 Hello Vaigly.
2.30 Roseate Tern.	2.35 Tessla.
3.10 Kazaviyna.	3.10 Casey.
3.50 SOVIET STAR (nap).	3.50 Persian Heights.
4.25 Cadeaux Genereux.	4.25 CADEAUX GENEREUX (nap).
5.00 High Estate.	5.00 High Estate.

By Michael Seely

3.10 TANCRED SAND (nap). 3.50 Warning (if abs Soviet Star). 5.0 Nashwan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 PERSIAN HEIGHTS.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 6f-7f, high numbers best**

2.0 BRENT WALKER HANDICAP (£49,452: 7f) (21 runners) BBC 1

103 (15) 0-40610 BEL BYOU 80 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-10 T Quinn 80
105 (17) 140531 JAMARJ 14 (F,G,S) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 3-9-10 (3ex) M Birch 82
106 (18) 14-1112 AJANAC 28 (BF,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 4-8-8 Pat Eddery 86
107 (14) 520301 GOLD PROSPECT 28 (CD,G,S) (H Spack) G Balding 6-9-6 (3ex) R Cochrane 86
108 (12) 011152 HELLO VAIGLY 37 (D,G,S) (T Sellier) M Stoute 3-9-4 G Starkey 88
109 (8) 602200 BARCLAY STREET 16 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 5-9-4 N Day 83
110 (6) 004231 SIMON RATTLE 13 (G) (O Waller) P Walwyn 3-9-2 (3ex) N Howe 82
111 (1) 614430 START-RITE 14 (V,F,G) (T Mohan) W O'Gorman 4-9-1 C Asmussen 80
112 (3) 210521 SHABANAZ 42 (D,G) (N Aboobakar) R Hannon 3-9-1 (3ex) R Wernham 82
113 (2) 141031 MAC'S FIGHTER 3 (B,F,G) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 3-8-13 (3ex) B Raymond 92
114 (4) 5125 DWELL 36 (F) (Brook Bloodstock plc) A Stewart 3-8-9 M Roberts 88
115 (5) 10-0482 RIMSH 28 (V,G) (H Ali) M Stoute 3-8-6 W Carson 90
116 (11) 0-44531 HIGHEST PRAISE 23 (D,F,S) (P Melton) I Balding 5-8-6 (3ex) M Marshall (5) 84
117 (21) 0-44220 IN GLORY 57 (D,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-4 M Hills 84
118 (13) 541110 ARADU 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs K Stuart) L Cottrell 4-8-4 (3ex) I Johnson 91
119 (19) 121000 BERTIE WOOSTER 16 (C,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 5-8-3 S Dawson 83
121 (20) 112204 PINCTADA 8 (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 6-8-1 G Bardwell (3) 82
122 (16) 131120 GLENCROFT 8 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (M Wane) D Chapman 4-8-0 (3ex) A Proud ● 99
123 (9) 344400 MATOU 35 (F,G,S) (Mrs T Pick) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7-13 T Williams 85
124 (7) 300200 MISS CUDDLES 26 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 4-7-11 G Hind (5) 83
125 (10) 630000 FUSILIER 30 (CD,F,G) (R Richards) H O'Neil 6-7-7 N Adams 80

Long handicap: Fusilier 7-1.

BETTING: 6-1 Ajanac, 8-1 Hello Vaigly, Glencroft, 10-1 Jamarj, Rimsh, 12-1 Gold Prospect, Highest Praise, 14-1 Dwell, In Glory, Pinctada, 16-1 Aradu, Shabanaz, Start-Rite, 20-1 Mac's Fighter Simon Rattle, 25-1 Barclay Street, Bel Byou, Bertie Wooster. 40-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM JAMARJ reverts to handicap company following a 2l listed race win from Ohsomellow. She acts on any going and has a good turn of foot. AJANAC has improved a good deal this season and side stepped an Ayr Gold Cup engagement to run here. He has been beaten once this year when 2½l 2nd to GLENCROFT (3lb worse off) with SIMON RATTLE (same terms) ½l 3rd and will not give David Chapman's consistent front runner so much leeway this time.

GLENCROFT, out of the frame once in his last 11 starts, remains very well in at the weights. He beat MAC'S FIGHTER 4½l in a valuable York sprint (6f, good) last month but re-opposes on the same terms. Even so, he has had a hard season, has shown best form at 6f and was beaten when hampered in the Ayr Gold Cup last time.

GOLD PROSPECT came back to his best with a 1½l Newmarket handicap win last time (BARCLAY STREET held). HELLO VAIGLY stayed on in the soft at York last time (1m) when ¾l 2nd to subsequent listed race winner Kingsfold Flame with START-RITE (4lb better off) who pulled hard that day, 2l 3rd. Stablemate RIMSH is lightly raced and showed best form at Newcastle last time when ½l 2nd to the well handicapped Vanroy. She has visors fitted for the first time today. SIMON RATTLE picks up a penalty for a Munich listed race win.

DWELL is not badly treated on handicap bow — she was 2l 2nd to Jerwah in a Newmarket graduation event in July. HIGHEST PRAISE acts on any going, goes well for his claiming rider, and came late for a ¾l win from Skolern at York (7f, good to soft) last time.

Selection: AJANAC

2.35 HOOVER FILLIES MILE (Group II: 2-Y-O fillies: £60,102: 1m) (8 runners) BBC 1

201 (4) 11 TESSLA 17 (D,F) (C St. George) H Cecil 8-13 Pat Eddery 97
202 (7) 11124 ALDBOURNE 17 (F,S) (Mrs R Smith) Dr J Scargill 8-10 P Hamblett 95
203 (3) 34233 ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY 17 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-10 C Asmussen 98
204 (6) 1 BY CHARTER 36 (F) (R Barnett) M Stoute 8-10 W Newnes 86
205 (8) 1 MAMALUNA 26 (D,S) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 8-10 G Starkey 88
207 (2) 21 PICK OF THE POPS 23 (S) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 8-10 M Roberts 85
208 (5) 31 RAIN BURST 9 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10 R Cochrane 94
209 (1) 222 ROSEATE TERN 17 (Lord Carnarvon) N Graham 8-10 W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Tessla, 4-1 Roseate Tern, 9-2 Rain Burst, 11-2 Mamaluna, 7-1 Pick Of The Pops, 10-1 By Charter, 12-1 Aldbourne Always On A Sunday.

1987: DIMINUENDO 8-13 S Cauthen (2-1 fav) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM Strictly on the book TESSLA will struggle to confirm May Hill form on 3lb worse terms with short head 2nd ROSEATE TERN, short head 3rd ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY and 2l 4th ALDBOURNE, but Henry Cecil has an enviable record in this race (3 winners from 5 runners in the last ten years) and reported that TESSLA was in season that day.

ALDBOURNE, finishing strongly after not getting a clear run, is another who can improve from the race as that was her first run following a two month break. BY CHARTER is bred for middle distances, by Derby winner Shirley Heights out of Oaks winner Time Charter, and held on well over 7f to beat Sahara Breeze a neck on Yarmouth debut with RAIN BURST (same terms), who has since improved to win a hard ground Brighton maiden, 3l 3rd.

Stablemate PICK OF THE POPS found 6f too short on debut but made the expected improvement at York next time when driven out to beat Change Guard 1½l in a York graduation event (7f, good to soft). MAMALUNA won on good to soft on Chepstow debut, beating Eastern Diamond 4l and her stable are in tremendous form.

Selection: TESSLA

3.10 TOTE FESTIVAL HANDICAP (£69,062: 1m 4f) (20 runners) BBC 1

301 (17) 225-130 OCEAN BALLAD 38 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 4-9-10 G Starkey 84
302 (10) 320143 MAKSUD 28 (D,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-9 G Moore 81
305 (6) 240160 PLYMOUTH HOE 7 (D,F,S) (A Baker) C Wall 5-9-4 L Dettori (5) 81
306 (8) 03100-6 TRAVEL MYSTERY 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Madden) M Pipe 5-9-2 C Asmussen 80
308 (11) 6-40260 LORD JUSTICE 16 (B,D,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-8-13 M Hills 87
309 (2) 542432 DASTUR 16 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-13 M Roberts 83
311 (20) 5-41122 PELORUS 77 (BF,F,S) (J Slade) W Jarvis 3-8-10 Pat Eddery 86
312 (9) 214212 PICEA 16 (D,F,G,S) (T Warner) M Jarvis 5-8-9 B Raymond 88
313 (7) 030210 SONG OF SIXPENCE 38 (D,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-8 M Marshall (5) 84
314 (15) 010-212 FIRST DIVISION 137 (D,F,G,S) (A F Budge Ltd) S Christian 5-8-7 W Newnes 84
316 (3) 211361 CASEY 17 (D,F,G) (G Leigh) L Cumani 3-8-6 (3ex) R Cochrane ● 99
317 (13) 2-20110 KAZAVIYNA 17 (D,G,S) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-4 (3ex) T Quinn 80
318 (16) 03-512 GOPAK 35 (BF,G) (Sir Michael Sobell) M Stoute 3-8-3 Paul Eddery 85
319 (5) 3-21102 MAWZOON 15 (F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-3 W Carson 98
320 (12) 221255 NIKITAS 7 (D,G) (Mrs P Liddiard) M Francis 3-8-2 G Baxter 93
321 (4) 24-2153 TIMOTHY'S TOY 21 (F) (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-8-2 W Ryan 87
322 (1) 021620 SUNDAY SPORT STAR 7 (S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 3-8-2 — 81
324 (19) 330152 RAKES LANE 15 (D,F,G) (A Smeeton) S Norton 3-8-0 G Hind (5) 86
325 (14) 110-331 TANCRED SAND 9 (D,G,S) (J Coxon) J Jefferson 5-7-11 (3ex) A Mackay 89
326 (18) 121332 THETHINGABOUTITIS 7 (CD,F,S) (S Roots) G Lewis 3-7-7 G Bardwell (3) 84

Long handicap: Thethingaboutitis, 7-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Casey, 9-2 Pelorus, 9-1 Gopak, 10-1 Mawzoon, 11-1 Tancred Sand, 14-1 Kazaviyna, 16-1 Dastur, Picea, 20-1 Maksud, Ocean Ballad, Thethingaboutitis, 25-1 Lord Justice, Nikitas, Plymouth Hoe, Rakes Lane, Song Of Sixpence, 33-1 others.

1987: ROUSHAYD 3-8-11 B Rouse (14-1) R Johnson Houghton 16 ran

FORM DASTUR drops in distance following two good runs over longer trips, the pick being a ½l 2nd to Rodchenko at Doncaster (1m 6f 127yd) last time (LORD JUSTICE held). PELORUS has been laid out for this following a very unlucky run in the Magnet Cup. Held up to take advantage of his turn of foot he was badly hampered in the straight but still holds RAKES LANE and PLYMOUTH HOE on that form where he finished fast to take 2nd, a neck behind Bashful Boy.

PICEA was 2l 2nd to Buzzbomb at Salisbury last time (1m 4f) with TRAVEL MYSTERY (same terms) 5½l 6th. SONG OF SIXPENCE, who did not stay last time, is better judged on a clever neck win from Slani Vah at Windsor.

FIRST DIVISION needs to be produced late. He was a neck 2nd to Four Star Thrust at Newmarket last time. CASEY is a handicap snip on her Group Two head win from Banket at Doncaster last time with KAZAVIYNA (2lb better off) a well beaten 8th, but taking conditions form at face value in handicap company is notoriously risky and KAZAVIYNA did beat CASEY (8lb better off) 3¾l in a Goodwood handicap in July.

NIKITAS, uncharacteristicly off form at Newbury last Saturday, is quite well handicapped on a 3l Goodwood 2nd to Zinsky. TANCRED SAND, who is held up, looks the pick of the lightweights if reproducing a 1l Ayr win from Hopping Around last time. MAWZOON, who disappointed in soft ground in the Extel, is better judged on a short head 2nd to Nayrizi in a Doncaster listed race last time.

Selection: PELORUS

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.50 QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Group I: £154,424: 1m) (8 runners) BBC 1

401 (5) 012041 PRINCE RUPERT 28 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-4 M Hills 89
402 (2) 1-12141 SOVIET STAR 20 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Fabre 4-9-4 C Asmussen 96
403 (6) 211-105 INDIAN RIDGE 43 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Coughlan) D Elsworth 3-8-11 — 84
404 (8) 125115 KEFAAH 39 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) L Cumani 3-8-11 R Cochrane 89
405 (4) 13-1134 PERSIAN HEIGHTS 20 (CD,BF,F,G) (Y Saud) G Huffer 3-8-11 B Raymond ● 99
406 (3) 222111 SALSE 16 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-11 M Roberts 93
407 (7) 11-2112 WARNING 41 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 98
408 (1) 311-014 MAGIC OF LIFE 28 (CD,F,G,S) (S Niarchos) J Tree 3-8-8 W Carson 90

BETTING: 7-4 Warning, 11-4 Soviet Star, 5-1 Persian Heights, 6-1 Salse, 9-1 Kefaah, 16-1 Magic Of Life, 20-1 Prince Rupert, 66-1 Indian Ridge.

1987: MILLIGRAM 3-8-8 Pat Eddery (6-1) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM Invariably looking ready for his races, the admirably consistent SOVIET STAR looks the one they all have to beat. Having beaten Shady Heights (rec 6lb) 2½l to land the July Cup earlier in the season, he was by no means discredited when in the frame behind Waajib at Royal Ascot. On his latest start he reversed Deauville (1m) form with Miesque at Longchamp (1m), beating her a head. Equally as effective over the mile as 6f, he has a good turn of foot and would be ideally suited by a strong early pace.

PRINCE RUPERT was much improved when making all to land the Waterford Crystal Mile, running on gamely inside the final furlong to withstand the challenge of Then Again (levels) with MAGIC OF LIFE (7lb better off) 2l away 4th. PERSIAN HEIGHTS was demoted for interference on his penultimate start when he beat Shady Heights (gave 10lb) ¾l at York (1m 2f 110y) and ran below par on his latest (subsequently found to have suffered a back-injury). If back to form he would be a deserving winner, but a line through Caerwent gives WARNING an edge while further rain could put paid to his chances.

WARNING is at his best over the mile trip and looks just the better horse here. His tremendous turn of foot was shown to good advantage at Goodwood (1m) on his penultimate start when he beat Then Again (gave 11lb) 1½l. The selection should confirm Deauville (1m) form with SOVIET STAR at these weights. KEEFAH has had a useful season to date, but is held by PERSIAN HEIGHTS and probably needs slightly further to produce his best.

Hungerford Stakes winner SALSE has the beating of PRINCE RUPERT and INDIAN RIDGE, but looks a 7f specialist and could struggle in a truly-run race. Further rain may increase his chances.

Selection: WARNING

4.25 KRUG DIADEM STAKES (Group III: £47,898: 6f) (14 runners) BBC 1

501 (7) 0-22505 GOVERNOR GENERAL 38 (D,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-9-2 C Asmussen 95
502 (6) 000000 SHARP ROMANCE 21 (D,G) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 6-9-2 S Whitworth 77
503 (1) 002006 UMBELATA 21 (D,G,S) (G Greenwood) M Naughton 5-9-2 M Birch 86
504 (8) 010225 WING PARK 37 (C,F,G) (Miss C Morris) A Bailey 4-9-2 W Newnes 93
505 (13) 13-431 BLUE NOTE 48 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mdm C Head (Fr) 3-8-13 G Moore 98
506 (2) 3-20001 PERFECT TIMING 17 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Vines) L Cottrell 6-8-13 I Johnson 77
507 (14) 524212 SOFTLY SPOKEN 4 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Abell) P Felgate 5-8-13 R Cochrane 72
508 (4) 111126 CADEAUX GENEREUX 37 (D,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) O Douieb 3-8-12 Pat Eddery ● 99
509 (12) 051164 CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE 17 (D,F) (M Hill) N Callaghan 3-8-12 B Raymond 75
511 (5) 630131 POINT OF LIGHT 29 (V,D,G) (T Ramsden) G Lewis 3-8-12 Paul Eddery 98
512 (9) 154343 SAVAHRA SOUND 16 (D,F) (A F Budge Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-12 B Rouse 90
513 (3) 402121 YOUNG HAL 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Waters) P Walwyn 3-8-12 M Roberts 91
514 (10) 12403 DANCING GODDESS 20 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) M O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-9 W Carson 94
515 (11) 211005 POSADA 29 (CD,F,G,S) (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-9 T Quinn 96

● The trainer states that Cadeaux Genereux will not run if the ground is soft

BETTING: 5-2 Blue Note, Cadeaux Genereux, 9-2 Point Of Light, 10-1 Young Hal, 12-1 Dancing Goddess, 14-1 Wing Park, 16-1 Governor General, Perfect Timing, 16-1 Posada, 50-1 others.

1987: DOWSING 3-8-12 Pat Eddery (9-1) J Tree 17 ran

FORM GOVERNOR GENERAL set a fast pace when 1l 2nd to Dowsing in this race last year and will not be that easy to peg back if the ground rides fast. BLUE NOTE, an improved French filly, beat CADEAUX GENEREUX (4lb better off) 1l at at Deauville (Group Two, good) last time with POINT OF LIGHT (4lb better off) 1½l 3rd and a below par GOVERNOR GENERAL and POSADA well beaten.

PERFECT TIMING broke a two-year losing spell when beating Princess Athena ½l in a Doncaster listed race last time but, like consistent handicapper SOFTLY SPOKEN, may struggle in this grade. POINT OF LIGHT beat YOUNG HAL a short head at Newmarket (POSADA a one paced 5th) last time (6f, listed) and should have no trouble confirming the form on 8lb better terms.

DANCING GODDESS, something of a disappointment over middle distances looked to appreciate the return to sprint trips when beating Fundraiser 3l in a Phoenix listed race last time. POSADA, below form of late, comes into the reckoning on early season form which included a course and distance 3l win from WING PARK at the Royal meeting.

Selection: BLUE NOTE

5.0 ROYAL LODGE EBF STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £63,207: 1m) (6 runners)

601 (3) 1111 HIGH ESTATE 36 (C,F,G) (H Joel) H Cecil 8-13 M Roberts ● 99
602 (5) 115 BIRDING 36 (F,S) (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 8-10 C Asmussen 78
603 (2) 11246 FREQUENT FLYER 38 (F) (Crescent Ltd) R Smyth 8-10 T Quinn 92
604 (4) 1 NASHWAN 42 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) N Graham 8-10 W Carson 88
605 (1) 11 SAMOAN 79 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-10 Pat Eddery 98
606 (6) 2122 SPITFIRE 35 (BF,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 8-10 Paul Eddery 92

BETTING: 5-4 High Estate, 7-4 Nashwan, 4-1 Samoan, 10-1 Spitfire, 16-1 Frequent Flyer, 20-1 Birding.

1987: SANQUIRICO 8-13 S Cauthen (8-11 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM HIGH ESTATE steps up in distance in a bid for a nap hand of Group victories. A lazy sort who often needs shaking up before he makes his run, this Shirley Heights colt should have little difficulty getting the trip and is one to keep on the right side as he has the beating of a number of today's rivals.

Winner of the Solario Stakes (7f) on his latest start, HIGH ESTATE beat Polar Run 2l with BIRDING (levels) 7l away 5th and on his penultimate outing at Goodwood beat SPITFIRE (2lb worse off) ½l, while a line through STONE FLAKE gives him the edge over stablemate SAMOAN.

FREQUENT FLYER produced a moderate performance in the Gimcrack last month, but only has confirmed form over 6f. NASHWAN landed the odds at Newbury (7f) on his debut and is sure to improve, but may find a lack of experience telling in this company. SAMOAN's chances would increase with more rain.

Selection: HIGH ESTATE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	29	93	31.2
A Stewart	6	20	30.0
L Cumani	15	56	26.8
M Stoute	30	125	24.0
M Pipe	3	13	23.1
G Harwood	20	91	22.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	38	212	17.9
G Starkey	18	98	18.3
M Roberts	9	60	15.0
W Carson	26	181	14.4
B Raymond	4	29	13.8
R Cochrane	14	115	12.2

(Not including yesterday's results)

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Mister Lawson.	2.15 Camshaft.
2.45 Baliman.	2.45 Beechwood Cottage.
3.15 Cumbrian Melody.	3.15 —
3.45 Geega.	3.45 —
4.15 Validate.	4.15 Best Niece.
4.45 Persian Emperor.	4.45 Fresh Dominion.
5.15 Madraco.	5.15 All Is Forgiven.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best**

2.15 BOULAND CORPORATION AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,341: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (10) 011406 ALO' NIKO 42 (D,F) (H Solomons) J Jenkins 8-13 J Williams 70
2 (2) 201566 MISTER LAWSON 3 (D,F) (P Bonner) P Mitchell 8-13 S O'Gorman (5) 94
3 (8) 00 REASON TO LAUGH 7 (Serlby Racing Ltd) J Balding 8-13 S Horsfall —
4 (1) 310132 TIME TO GO HOME 18 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-13 A Culhane (3) 97
11 (3) 113550 PETONGS WEEYIN 5 (C,F,G) (J Innes) R Stubbs 8-6 S Wood (5) 78
12 (7) 142101 SKY ROYALE 7 (D,F,G,S) (R Tindall) J Berry 8-6 J Carroll ● 99
14 (9) 060000 EBOR NOVA 26 (B) (I MacDonald) J Wainwright 8-5 S Morris —
16 (4) 330505 CAMSHAFT 28 (K Cordell) E Eldin 8-2 J Quinn (5) 71
18 (6) 00 ALWAYS TREASURE 12 (Mrs J Addleshaw) J Balding 8-1 N Carlisle —
19 (5) 0 LIFESONG 26 (C Cyzer) S Norton 8-1 M Wigham —

BETTING: 11-4 Sky Royale, 7-2 Time To Go Home, 5-1 Mister Lawson, 6-1 Camshaft, 8-1 Alo' Niko, 12-1 Ebor Nova, 14-1 others.

1987: JAMARJ 8-6 M Birch (8-11 fav) M Easterby 11 ran

2.45 RED MOUNTAIN COFFEE CUP HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,514: 7f) (29 runners)

1 (13) 045541 BALIMAN 21 (F,S) (T Macdonald) Denys Smith 3-11-7 Alison Dunn (5) 92
3 (9) 030004 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 49 (B,C,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-11-1 Sharon Murgatroyd 93
6 (15) 000500 MURPHY 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Brook) R Whitaker 4-10-10 Sandy Brook 95
7 (21) 003020 VALLEY MILLS 4 (D,F,G,S) (T Barron) T Barron 8-10-9 Alex Greaves (5) 92
11 (19) 523680 PROFIT A PRENDRE 16 (S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 4-10-7 Elaine Bronson (5) 92
12 (10) 546062 KNIGHTS SECRET 11 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-10-4 Leila Easterby (5) ● 99
13 (6) 166040 COR DE CHASSE 30 (D,G) (McDougald Farms) I Balding 3-10-4 Clare Balding (5) 96
14 (28) 150360 GENOTIN 14 (F,G) (S Mellor) S Mellor 5-10-4 Linda Mellor (5) 93
15 (23) 132060 GREY RUM 15 (B,D,F) (Hambleton T'bred Racing) W Pearce 3-10-2 Yvonne Haynes 80
16 (16) 050304 COURT TOWN 14 (D,F,G) (H Hopgood) R Hannon 5-10-2 Elizabeth Gandolfo (5) 94
17 (12) 442050 SAY YOU WILL 7 (V) (G Noble) M Naughton 4-10-2 Lara Gibberd (5) 94
19 (1) 251050 AFRICAN SAFARI 8 (D,F,G) (Lord Carrick) T Fairhurst 4-9-13 Mr P Verling 92
21 (3) 500110 GYPSY'S BARN RAT 14 (D,F,S) (A Haddock) W Holden 4-9-12 Kathryn Holden (5) 91
23 (5) 0-00100 HANDSOME HOTFOOT 19 (C,D,G,S) (F Barlow) J Parkes 3-9-11 Jennie Davis (5) 94
28 (2) 005000 GOTHIC FORD 11 (S) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 4-9-7 Jennie Goulding 88
29 (4) 002010 TINO REPPIN 45 (D,S) (C Wagstaff) J Leigh 4-9-7 Mr M Robinson (5) 87
33 (27) 010300 JANE'S BRAVE BOY 11 (D,F,G,S) (J Eddell) D Chapman 6-9-5 Anthea Farrell 88
35 (14) 133004 ROYAL ACCLAIM 11 (V,D,F) (Mrs B Wilkinson) A Hide 3-9-2 Sue Brown (5) 98
37 (7) 006420 SHY MISTRESS 33 (G) (J Abbey) A Jones 5-9-0 Diana Jones 89
38 (11) 050000 KEEP COOL 10 (F) (Mrs J Bigg) R Hollinshead 5-9-0 Geraldine Rees 86
40 (29) 803460 BLOW FOR HOME 46 (A Smith) A Smith 4-9-0 Mr M Crossland (5) 92
41 (17) 000000 MOVING TIME 18 (K Adey) N Chamberlain 3-9-0 Teresa Spearing (5) —
42 (20) 050005 SUPREME OPTIMIST 14 (B) (A White) R Peacock 4-9-0 Carmen Peacock (5) 97
44 (24) 0004-0 SAIYYAAF 21 (A P Consultants Ltd) D Chapman 5-9-0 Joanna Winter —
46 (25) 000000 AFTER THE GLOOM 52J (D Lowe) R Hollinshead 3-9-0 Lucy Lowe (5) 83
48 (18) 330080 HOPTONS CHANCE 28 (V,G) (R Churm) J Norton 6-9-0 Janet Hill (5) 85
49 (8) 000000 BLACK MANNEQUIN 35 (Mrs J Berry) J Berry 3-9-0 Lisa Eaton (5) 86
50 (25) 20/0-2 BALLYFEE 577J (B K Wells) W Morris 11-9-0 Susan Yardley —
51 (22) 085 AN NOVA 33 (D Walsh) J Mulhall 4-9-0 — —

Long handicap: Shy Mistress 8-12, Keep Cool 8-11, Blow For Home 8-11, Moving Time 8-10, Supreme Optimist 8-9, Saiyyaaf 8-8, After The Gloom 8-6, Hoptons Chance 8-5, Black Mannequin 8-5, Ballyfee 8-4, An Nova 7-8.

BETTING: 5-1 Knight's Secret, 11-2 Valley Mills, 6-1 Cor de Chasse, 13-2 Beechwood Cottage, 8-1 Court Town, 10-1 Baliman, 12-1 Royal Acclaim, 14-1 Profit A Prendre, African Safari, 16-1 Murphy, 20-1 others.

1987: SEALED BID 3-10-6 Mrs J Goulding (11-1) L Piggott 23 ran

3.15 TETLEY TEA BAG NURSERY (2-Y-O: £4,166: 6f) (14 runners)

2 (12) D130 ULANOVA 26 (S) (Triangle Thoroughbreds Ltd) S Norton 9-7 K Fallon (3) 97
8 (2) 3158 SONGSTEAD 28 (D,F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 9-3 N Connorton 94
10 (13) 6446 TACOMA HEIGHTS 15 (A F Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 9-0 A McGlone 90
13 (14) 421 CUMBRIAN MELODY 26 (G) (Cumbrian Industrials) M H Easterby 8-11 K Hodgson 91
18 (8) 00401 MR CHARMER 11 (B,C,F) (M Shawcross) R Hollinshead 8-9 (7ex) A Culhane (3) 97
21 (11) 260 GLORIOUS HOTFOOT 35 (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 8-7 K Darley 98
22 (9) 625206 JIVE MUSIC 7 (B) (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 8-6 J Carter (5) 98
29 (5) 0050 CALAHONDA SONG 11 (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 7-13 P Burke 82
30 (7) 040 YUNO WHY 26 (B) (B Kan) J Etherington 7-13 J Lowe ● 99
32 (10) 0002 THE SINGING MAN 25 (B Leach) J Balding 7-12 N Carlisle 97
33 (4) 22400 KENTRA 5 (Mrs I Raine) T Barron 7-12 M Fry 91
36 (1) 163013 HO FUNG SHUI 31 (D,F) (B Tang) N Tinkler 7-9 Kim Tinkler 92
37 (3) 651 SPRINGLAKE'S LADY 68 (S) (Springlakes Racing Club) W Pearce 7-8 L Charnock 95
38 (6) 040900 DALESIDE LADYBIRD 8 (Daleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 7-7 K Bradshaw (7) 90

BETTING: 11-4 Cumbrian Melody, 7-2 Tacoma Heights, 4-1 Songstead, 6-1 Ulanova, 8-1 Ho Fung Shui, 10-1 Jive Music, 12-1 Glorious Hotfoot, 14-1 others.

1987: TAMARINDO 8-0 J Lowe (6-4 fav) M H Easterby 13 ran

3.45 REYNARD SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,126: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

7 (3) 144620 NUTACRE 18 (C,F) (M Hill) D Chapman 9-7 S Webster 91
9 (7) 420420 AUTOMART 35 (P Quinn) W Bentley 9-6 R Lappin (5) 97
10 (6) 300504 HOLDENBY 7 (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 9-5 Dean McKeown ● 99
11 (1) 5-00004 GEEGA 12 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds Plc) N Tinkler 9-4 Kim Tinkler 90
13 (2) 0000 VICO EQUENSE 21 (V) (Mrs M Grant) Miss S Hall 9-3 A Culhane (3) —
14 (8) 030-330 YORKSHIRE PRINCESS 28 (B) (Mrs H Rohan) H Rohan 9-1 S Morris 94
17 (5) 06006-0 MRS MICCAUBER 42J (W Stephenson) W Stephenson 9-0 S Wood (5) —
18 (4) 340-000 MAD MILLY 11 (Mrs D Lamb) Mrs G Reveley 9-0 J Lowe 83

BETTING: 5-2 Yorkshire Princess, 3-1 Automart, 4-1 Nutacre, 11-2 Geega, 8-1 Mad Milly, 12-1 others.

1987: ENTIRE 9-0 G Duffield (7-1) M Prescott 13 ran

4.15 TRANSMORE VAN HIRE STAKES (£2,746: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

2 (6) 51-4060 BOLD DIFFERENCE 119 (C,D,F) (T Morris) Ronald Thompson 4-10-9 R P Elliott —
6 (5) 55 FIRM PRICE 11 (Mrs B Kearney) Mrs G Reveley 7-9-6 J Carr (5) 64
7 (2) 04142-0 GO SOUTH 5 (F) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 4-9-6 J Williams —
8 (7) 0 MELKONO 14 (Mrs P Weymes) E Weymes 4-9-6 Dean McKeown —
9 (8) 43253 RINGMORE 21J (W Sellers) J Parkes 6-9-6 A Munro (5) 50
10 (1) 322413- BEST NIECE 35 (D,BF,G) (Mrs C St George) H Cecil 3-9-1 A Bond 77
11 (3) 412030 VALIDATE 57 (B,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-9-0 S Perks ● 99
12 (4) GLOW OF KHOBAR (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Etherington 3-8-10 K Darley —
15 (9) 05 PRIMROSE STAR 25 (W Stephenson) W Stephenson 3-8-7 J Lowe —

BETTING: 2-1 Validate, 11-4 Best Niece, 8-1 Go South, 10-1 Ringmore, 12-1 Primrose Star, 14-1 others.

1987: OPERATIC SCORE 3-9-6 G Baxter (2-1) P Cole 6 ran

4.45 'WIN WITH THE TOTE' MAIDEN STAKES (£1,059: 1m) (13 runners)

1 (13) 06600-0 FALLING FOSS 47 (Mrs D Schreiber) W Haigh 4-9-3 S Salmon —
2 (11) 000/-000 GLORIOUS DAN 38 (Mrs O McFarland) M Brittain 4-9-3 M Wigham —
3 (10) 00 JOHNS VALENTINE 121 (J Myers) M Naughton 4-9-3 A Mercer —
5 (4) 000-030 YOUNG COMMANDER 12 (Miss S Naughton) M Naughton 4-9-3 K Fallon (3) —
6 (12) 00 BARNSLEY BED 45 (B Marsh) J Smith 3-8-10 A Munro (5) —
11 (5) 405420 PERSIAN EMPEROR 21 (Mrs C Painting) R Hollinshead 3-8-10 A Culhane (3) ● 99
12 (6) 000000 ROBIN THE RICH 11 (G Hartas) M Bierby 3-8-10 S Morris —
13 (9) 60 SECRET CONTRACT 5 (Mrs A Macfarlane) Mrs G Reveley 3-8-10 J Carr (5) —
15 (8) 003252 ENGLISH MINT 12 (BF) (C Page) W Haggas 3-8-7 N Connorton 90
16 (2) 2 FRESH DOMINION 10 (Mrs G Shropshire) W Jarvis 3-8-7 A Clark 93
17 (1) 500000 LITTLE PICKSIE 12 (H Pickersgill) C Booth 3-8-7 — —
18 (3) 640 MOLONEYS DAUGHTER 21 (Mrs E Murphy) R O'Leary 3-8-7 K Hodgson —
21 (7) 4-53820 SIERRA SNOW 50 (B) (P Carter) J Etherington 3-8-7 J Carter (5) 88

BETTING: 100-30 English Mint, 7-2 Fresh Dominion, 4-1 Persian Emperor, 11-2 Sierra Snow, 8-1 Secret Contract, 12-1 others.

1987: RUDDA CASS 8-3 S Quane (33-1) Mrs G Reveley 16 ran

5.15 NORTHERN MACHINE TOOLS HANDICAP (£3,057: 5f) (19 runners)

2 (19) 330262 ALL IS FORGIVEN 4 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 8-9-13 B Crossley 97
3 (6) 006400 HYDE PRINCESS 5 (C,F,G) (F Downes) R Whitaker 3-9-10 Dean McKeown 94
5 (17) 000030 MADRACO 4 (C,F,G,S) (B Hampson) P Calver 5-9-8 N Carlisle 98
14 (5) 312020 OUR FREDDIE 26 (HB,D,S) (T Mills Limited) W Carter 4-9-1 N Gwilliams (7) 94
15 (11) 363233 BRUTUS 5 (D,F,G) (R Wilkinson) Miss L Siddall 4-9-1 D Nicholls 96
16 (2) 2-00060 SPITTIN MICK 36 (D,F) (Sandmoor Textiles) M H Easterby 4-8-13 NON-RUNNER —
18 (8) 541106 SEAMERE 54 (D,F,G) (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 5-8-8 — 98
19 (14) 100005 KARLA'S STAR 25 (D,F,S) (P Shorrock) R Stubbs 3-8-7 S Wood (5) 91
20 (13) 0-30324 MENDICK ADVENTURE 5 (D,F) (D Hodgson) Denys Smith 7-8-6 P Dalton (7) 95
21 (4) 026501 DEEBEE DEEBEE 25 (D,F,G) (W Blakey) M Brittain 3-8-6 M Wigham 94
22 (9) 504600 ROXBY MELODY 9 (B,D,F) (Miss J Chisholm) Mrs G Reveley 3-8-4 J Carr (5) 92
23 (18) 000000 KING CHARLEMAGNE 5 (C,F,G) (Mrs G Reveley) Mrs G Reveley 9-8-3 J Lowe 95
25 (16) 000502 RIDGIDUCT 28 (J Berry) J Wharton 4-8-1 A Culhane (3) ● 99
27 (15) 060R SPECIAL PRICE 80 (K Adey) N Chamberlain 3-7-13 P Burke (5) —
30 (12) 230450 BUNNYLOCH 30 (B) (Peter Grenfell Heap) J Etherington 4-7-11 — 93
31 (10) 4-05000 SUM MUSIC 10 (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 3-7-9 J Quinn (5) 86
32 (1) 000500 ROSIE DICKINS 28 (D,F,S) (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-7-7 C Hodgson (7) 82
34 (3) 055000 WESBREE BAY 28 (B,D,G) (Hockley Printing Co Ltd) N Bycroft 6-7-7 L Charnock 85
35 (7) 304060 TRADESMAN 28 (D,F,S) (J Haldane) J Haldane 8-7-7 M Fry 89

Long handicap: Rosie Dickens 7-6, Wesbree Bay 7-0, Tradesman 6-12.

BETTING: 3-1 All Is Forgiven, 7-2 Deebee Deebee, 11-2 Brutus, 6-1 Karla's Star, 8-1 Madraco, 10-1 Ridgiduct, 12-1 Mendick Adventure, 14-1 others.

1987: IMPERIAL SUNRISE 4-8-2 L Charnock (14-1) M W Easterby 22 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
A Hide	4	9	44.4
H Cecil	16	38	42.1
C Tinkler	13	86	15.1
E Eldin	5	41	12.2
A Bailey	3	26	11.5
P Calver	4	38	10.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
K Fallon	6	20	30.0
R Cochrane	15	53	28.3
A Clark	5	28	17.9
Dean McKeown	11	89	12.4
R P Elliott	7	57	12.3
J Carroll	4	39	10.3

(Not including yesterday's results)

FOOTBALL: THE STRIKE-FORCE WHICH PAYS LITTLE HEED TO FIRST DIVISION REPUTATIONS

Hunting after the big game

By Clive White

Whatever happened to the first division that we Englishmen brashly used to describe as the strongest in the world? In recent seasons Watford and Wimbledon have bridged the gap between the peaks of the first and second divisions at the first attempt, but this week England's premier division was paid the final insult.

When asked how the first division compared with life in the second, one new recruit replied like a man who had been asked to comment honestly on the emperor's new clothes: "I don't like to say it, but the first division seems easier." Tony Cascarino, whose five goals have helped take Millwall to third place in their first assault on the division in 103 years, is the young man who boldly proffered that opinion.

While Cascarino is far too modest an individual to be so presumptive, it is indicative of how Millwall have refused to be dictated to by reputations. First division membership has given back the club its self respect and, possibly, that of their supporters, too.

There can be no disputing the fact that Cascarino and Teddy Sheringham, the other half of the Millwall goalscoring machine which could take the club to the very top of the league with victory against Norwich City at Carrow Road today, are finding the first division no more restrictive than the second. Last season was their first in tandem and they celebrated it by scoring 47 goals. Not bad for a pair of forwards who were considered, at 6ft plus, to be too alike to make a successful team.

In fact they compliment each other very well, off the field as well as on it. "Tony's deceptively quick," Sheringham says. "Teddy's an instinctive player with great ability on the ball," Cascarino says. Together their finishing skills alone have been responsible for seven goals in four games against defences including people like Shilton, Wright, Southall and Watson. "The team's playing with such confidence we're enjoying it," was how Sheringham explained their success.

The mood of optimism is in stark contrast to the atmosphere which prevailed before the start of the season when they failed to win any of their pre-season games. "We were all expecting to get bashed week in, week out by the so-called big first division teams, so we have worked harder to ensure that we don't make fools of ourselves," Sheringham said. One senses that, with 26 Londoners on the playing staff of 29, a little dose of Cockney pride has had something to do with that.

The spirit within the club is heightened by the fact that the players have all been thrown in an the deep end together. Their experiences have all been shared, other than a handful of Republic of Ireland caps for Cascarino (who is about as London as Bow Bells but happens to have an Irish grandfather) and an under-21 cap apiece for Sheringham and McLeary, making club history by becoming the first pair of Millwall players to appear in the same international team.

There are no big heads. Indeed Cascarino considers himself fortunate go have been given the break into League football by courtesy of Crockenhill, who released him to Gillingham for a dozen tracksuits in return.

He and Sheringham were third division rivals just two seasons ago. Cascarino, a lifelong Millwall supporter, used to go to the Den in those days as a spectator, never realizing that one-day he might find himself on the other side of the fence alongside the young Sheringham, who joined the club as an apprentice. "Because he's been under John Docherty, the manager, longer, Teddy tells me to do things on the field whereas I never tell him," Cascarino said. "Sometimes it seems as though he's the 26-year-old and I'm the 22-year-old."

Goal hangers: Millwall's Cascarino (left) and Sherringham (Photograph: Matthew Harris)

Sheringham estimates that his colleague has improved by 50 per cent since coming under the influence of the "the Doc". "At Gillingham I was just told to to out and play," Cascarino said. Docherty has taught him about optimum positions to take up around the field so that he is better placed to take possession

Both are deeply aware of the expectations of Millwall's crowd. The Den can be an intimidating place for the home team as well as the visitors. "They want you to win so badly that their feelings spill off the terraces on to the field," Cascarino said. "Every ball has to be fought for 110 per cent." With commitment like that perhaps the first division can reclaim its place among the world's elite.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

A Villa v Nottm Forest
Villa are likely to be unchanged but add Gallacher, Lillis and Olney to their squad. Forest are unchanged. Wilson, Carr and Fleming compete for seats on the substitutes' bench.

Charlton v Newcastle
Bolder faces a late fitness test on a dislocated finger for Charlton. The on-loan McDonagh stands by to deputize, but a knee injury means that Crooks is still absent. Mirandinha has recovered from a hamstring injury and plays his first full game of the season for Newcastle, who are without O'Neill and Anderson (both ill).

Derby v QPR
Derby are without the injured Gee and Chiedozie so Cross is likely to continue in attack. Penney is included in the squad. Barker returns for QPR following injury.

Everton v Luton
Van den Hauwe and Steven are still sidelined by injury so Everton are poised to retain the side that lost at Millwall last week, although they have added Wilson to the squad. Luton welcome Donaghy back following injury, so Johnson steps down.

Man Utd v West Ham
McGrath returns to the United defence following the collapse of his proposed move to Tottenham. Garton moves to right back and Blackmore to left back meaning that there is no place for Sharpe. Strachan plays following recovery from injury but Duxbury, Olsen (both ankle) and Davenport (leg) face fitness tests. West Ham are without Martin (tonsillitis). With Gale, his fellow central defender, still sidelined, Hilton and Strodder will continue their partnership in the heart of the defence while Devonshire may start the game in midfield.

Norwich v Millwall
Norwich are unchanged. Millwall are without Salman (hamstring) and Lawrence (also hamstring) will have a fitness test this morning. Carter, Thompson and Stevens are added to the squad.

Sheff Wed v Arsenal
Wednesday are unchanged. Davis is likely to replace Richardson for Arsenal, who are also expected to play Merson in preference to Groves.

Sthampton v Liverpool
Cockerill (broken jaw) and Le Tissier (ankle) are missing for Southampton; Danny Wallace and Baker deputize. MacDonald, who last Tuesday started his first senior game for two years since suffering a broken leg, is likely to play for the visitors. Illness and injury deprive Liverpool of Barnes, Molby, Grobbelaar, McMahon, and Hansen and Spackman and Venison (both knee) face late fitness tests. Dalglish, the manager, names himself in the squad.

Tottenham v Middlesbro
Tottenham keep faith with the 11 who drew at Liverpool last week. Middlesbrough are injury-free but delay selection until lunchtime.

Wimbledon v Coventry
Jones is included in the Wimbledon squad for the first time since being banned indefinitely following his dismissal in a pre-season friendly. Wise could also play. Emerson is set to play his first game for Coventry this season.

Second division

Ipswich v Bradford
Milton (flu) is extremely doubtful for Ipswich and D'Avray is expected to act as understudy. With Zondervan still out Stockwell continues at right-back. Kennedy and Goddard of Bradford are both suspended so Chapman and Palin are drafted in.

Davis gets date of FA inquiry

Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, has been set a date to answer charges of bringing the game into disrepute. A three-man Football Association commission will decide on September 29 after watching two videos of the incident in which Glenn Cockerill claimed Davis broke his jaw with a punch.

The blow was captured by Independent Television News cameras and their film will be watched by the commission. But Arsenal claim their club video, which will also be considered, shows Davis being provoked in a stamping incident.

The FA has refused to reveal who will sit on the commission.

● Paul McGrath's proposed move to Tottenham Hotspur for £700,00 collapsed yesterday after almost a fortnight of negotiations. The Republic of Ireland defender pulled out

● Arsenal yesterday supported the Football League's refusal to change the venue and date of their Centenary Trophy final against Manchester United. United would prefer it to be moved from Villa Park, a neutral ground, on October 9, arguing that they should toss a coin with Arsenal for the right to stage it at either Old Trafford or Highbury. They are also reluctant to play on a Sunday, which means postponing a League match the previous day.

● Seven weekend first division games have been postponed on October 15, four days before England's first World Cup qualifying game.

Aberdeen begin to strike right chord

By Roddy Forsyth

From an indifferent start to the season, **Aberdeen** have emerged as a team capable of challenging for every domestic honour. On Tuesday, the Pittodrie team reached the Skol Cup final with a powerful and assertive performance against Dundee United at Dens Park, Dundee, and last weekend Aberdeen's league season was at last ignited with a cavalier 3-1 victory over Celtic in Glasgow.

This afternoon they have the chance to demonstrate their new virility at home against the other beaten Skol Cup semi-finalists, **Heart of Midlothian**, who lost to Rangers at Hampden Park.

Aberdeen's joint manager, Alex Smith, reflecting on the tide of confidence which has burst over his players, said yesterday: "I never believed we were very far away from getting it right. There are so many good players here that when I arrived I thought of the team as being like a grand piano out of tune. With hard work it was only a matter of time before we got the rewards."

Today a draw would represent an achievement for Hearts, beaten twice in a week by Rangers, and a long way short of the steady form displayed last season. To add to their concern, Dave McPherson suffered an injury and the Edinburgh club will check his fitness before naming a team.

Celtic's worries are well documented. The remedy is not so clear but for the fixture with similarly struggling **Dundee** at Dens Park, the Parkhead manager, Billy McNeill, has decided to purge his defence. Ian Andrews, the goalkeeper and the Irish international defender, McCarthy, are replaced by the veteran Scotland goalkeeper, Rough, now recovered from a broken cheekbone, and the youthful central defender, Baillie. McNeill said: "I have been thinking about these changes all week. I have been patient and I have been loyal but now the players have to find the determination to get us back to the kind of form we must have if we are to defend our title."

Rangers, still without McCoist and Drinkell, are likely to continue with the players who carried the club into the Skol Cup final when they entertain **St Mirren** at Ibrox. As is now the custom with Rangers, the match is an all-ticket affair.

The McLean brothers, Tommy and Jim, come together when their respective teams, **Motherwell and Dundee United**, collide at Fir Park. United will probably decide not to play their recently acquired Yugoslav import, Miodrag Krivokapic, because he cannot speak English and does not understand instructions from his teammates or manager.

The other Lanarkshire team, **Hamilton Academical**, have a formidable task in prospect when they vist **Hibernian** at Easter Road. Hibs have conceded only one Premier Division goal to date.

GOLF

Smyth in charge with hole in one

Stuttgart (Reuter) — A hole in one helped Des Smyth set the early pace in the second round of the West German Masters championship yesterday. The championship Irish Ryder Cup international finished with a 68, for a five-under-par total of 139.

Smyth hit the hole in one with a seven-iron at the 137-yard eighth hole; it was the tenth of his career and the second this season.

Unluckily, he chose the wrong hole. A car worth £23,000 sterling is on offer for a similar feat at the 15th, where the Irishman had a two, hitting his tee-shot within 18 inches. Earlier this year, at the Portuguese Open, Smyth holed in one on the sixth hole there — and earned nothing for that too.

Severiano Ballesteros, chasing his fifth victory in six tour starts, at one stage looked poised to catch Smyth. He moved to four under par with an eagle three at the 14th and a two at the short 15th. The Spaniard finished weakly however, with a trio of fives in his 70, finishing two under par on 142.

He three-putted the 16th, went into the bushes at the 17th, and three-putted again at the last for a par five. "It was a disappointing end, but one day I will kill this course," he said.

Sandy Lyle had a 75 for level-par round of 144, taking a triple bogey seven at the 4th after going out of bounds.

Ian Woosnam also completed in 70 for a two-under-par 142, a stroke ahead of Bernhard Langer, the local favourite, who ran into more trouble putting and finished with a 75.

● Bad weather wiped out play in the Scottish professional championship at Haggs Castle, Glasgow yesterday. More than an inch of rain fell in the area last night and the staff fought a losing battle to clear flooded greens. The second round will be played today with the same starting times, and the 30 best scores will qualify for the final two rounds on Sunday.

Dibnah's rhythm an apt response to wind's bluster

By Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

Corinne Dibnah, the British Open champion, defied blustery conditions to score a second round of 72 in the Toshiba Players Championship on the Old Thorns course, near Liphook, yesterday.

It was a typically courageous effort by the Australian golfer, who now has a four-under-par halfway aggregate of 142. "I'm a migraine sufferer and I had a particularly bad one out there," she said. "I had to send in for pain killers."

Dibnah, however, refused to be intimidated even when she dropped her only shot by leaving her first recovery attempt in the sand at the third hole. Otherwise this was a near faultless effort, during which she swung the club with an easy rhythm throughout.

Dibnah gathered her first birdie at the eighth where she holed from 10 feet and her other at the last, where she was on with a seven-iron. Since winning the British Open, Miss Dibnah has been aware of the need to guard against that performance affecting the rest of her season.

"It's fun being the champion," she said. "But you must try not to allow the title to affect your attitude. It was the biggest moment in my career but as far as I'm concerned there are still other tournaments to be won this season, including this one."

Dale Reid, who won the European Open title earlier this year, maintained her challenge for the first prize of £7,500 with a 76, which left her four shots behind Dibnah. She was hindered by the cold and windy weather and faltered after birdies at the fifth and sixth holes had taken her into the lead.

The organizers were compelled to delay the start of play by 30 minutes while 12 new holes were cut on the greens because of heavy rain overnight.

Laura Davies struggled to a 78 for a score of 147. She did learn, however, from the Tour that no further action will be taken on her previous day's comments on the condition of the course.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 142: C Dibnah (Aus), 70, 72. 146: D Reid, 70, 76. 147: L Davies, 69, 78; P Smillie, 73, 74. 148: E Glass, 72, 76; M Taya (Fr), 72, 76. 150: R Comstock (US), 76, 74. 151: P Conley (US), 72, 79; S Van Wyk (SA), 75, 76; T Fernando (Sri Lanka), 78 73. 152: J Brown, 76, 76; C Panton, 74, 78; J Rumsey, 74, 78; M Garner, 76, 76; B New, 73, 79.

Ajax appointment

The Hague (Reuter) — Ajax Amsterdam, floundering in the Dutch league after finishing runners-up last season, have named their assistant coach, Anton Kohn, as acting coach to replace Kurt Linder, who has been dismissed. Kohn said he would impose greater discipline and toughen up training sessions for the team.

Kent breeze into useful early lead

By Patricia Davies

Bracing is the word Skegness likes to use to describe its climate, and it more than lived up to the billing on the first day of the English county finals at Seacroft yesterday. A blustery, swirling wind blew across the Lincolnshire course and swept Kent into a 3-0 lead over Cheshire after the morning foursomes, while Warwickshire, the most experienced side here, led Dorset 2-1.

Kent, in the finals for the first time in 10 years, got off to the best possible start when Bill Hodkin, their champion, and Danny Wyborn won the first three holes against Gareth Bradley and Adrian Hill, who could not quite overcome that damp squib of an opening, losing on the 17th green. Kent were duly inspired to make it a clean sweep.

Warwickshire were almost blown off course by Dorset, with two of the three games going to the 18th and the other to the 17th. James Cook rolled in a 7ft birdie putt on the 16th to establish a one-hole advantage which he and Tony Allen held to the end in the top match against Tony Lawrence and Steve Edgley.

The Midlanders also won the second match but lost the third when Dorset's John Pounder and Derick Barnes, three up with six to play and two up with two to play, saw off Andrew Carman and Mike Calvert on the last green.

RESULTS: Cheshire v Kent (Cheshire names first). Foursomes: G Bradley and Adrian Hill lost to W Hodkin and D Wyborn 2 and 1; D Bathgate and A Sandywell lost to M Palmer and W Hewlett 1 hole; P Bailey and Andrew Hill lost to T Spence and S Wood 4 and 2. Dorset v Warwickshire (Dorset names first). Foursomes: A Lawrence and S Edgley lost to A Allen and J Cook 1 hole; P McMullen and R Mabb lost to M Biddle and P Downes 2 and 1; J Pounder and D Barnes beat A Carman and M Calvert 2 holes.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Cincinnati Reds 3, San Francisco Giants 1; New York Mets 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1 (New York win East division); Houston Astros 3, Atlanta Braves 2; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 4. American League: Detroit Tigers 7, Baltimore Orioles 4; Minnesota Twins 6, California Angels 2.

BOXING

LOS ANGELES: WBC super-lightweight championship: Roger Mayweather (US, holder) bt Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mex), rsc 12th.

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Third round, first leg: Newell's Old Boys (Arg) 1, Nacional (Uru) 1.

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: BC Open tournament First round leaders (US unless stated): 65: J Simons, R Maltbie, E Dougherty, D Rummells. 66: K Green, W Glasson, L T Broeck, M Wiebe, W Levi. 67: J Sindelar, R Fehr, H Twitty, J Haas, M Sullivan, D Pooley, W Heintzelman, W Mayfair, L Rinker. British score: 70: K Brown.

BURY ST EDMUNDS: Golf Foundation Team Championship for schools: Qualifying round: 1, Deben HS, Felixstowe (J Hockley 90, P Houston 88, S MacPherson 85), 263; 2, King Edward VII HS, King's Lynn (D Nash 90, P Bower 86, B Walmsley 94), 270; 3, Caister HS, Yarmouth (S Ellison 87, C Norman 93, S Corke 94), 274. Best individual: J Fisher (St Lemans HS), 81.

MOTOR RALLYING

ABIDJAN: Ivory Coast Rally: Provisional positions (after second leg): 1, A Ambrosino (Fr), Nissan 200 SX, 1hr 23min 55sec; 2, P Gaban (Bel), Mazda 323, 2:14:18; 3, P Copetti (Fr), Toyota Corolla 1600, 2:21:24; 4, L Ambrosoli (It), Mazda 323, 4:16:15; 5, A Oudit (Fr), VW Golf, 4:29:00; 6, A Farina (It), Audi 80, 4:35:43. R Stohl (Austria) withdrew after crash.

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Champagne Laurent Perrier Masters singles: First round: J Snow bt P Tabley (Melbourne), 3-6, 6-1, 0-6, 6-5, 6-3; J Howell (Bordeaux) bt K Sheldon (Leamington), 1-6, 6-5, 6-4, 6-4. Second round: W Davies (New York) bt C Bray (Petworth), 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. Roxland Recruitment Group women's singles: First round: S Jones bt L Ronaldson, 6-1, 6-3; P Fellows bt M Briggs, 6-3, 6-1. Allied-Dunbar Pro-Am doubles: Semi-finals: D Freemantle and G Hyland (Hobart) bt J Lagna and Davies, 7-2; R Robins and L Deucher (unattached) bt D Pearl and C Lumley (unattached), 7-4.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Kingswood 16, Rendcomb 0.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Canadian Masters: First round: J O'Boyle (Ire) bt J Harris (Eng), 5-3; P Medati (Eng) bt G Cripsey (Eng), 5-0; D Morgan (Wal) bt T Jones (Eng), 5-0; K Owers (Eng) bt E Lawlor (Eng), 5-2; M Clark (Eng) bt T Wilson (Eng), 5-3; M Macleod (Scot) bt P Watchorn (Ire), 5-1; D Roe (Eng) bt T Whitthread (Eng), 5-2; W King (Aus) bt M Gibson (Sco), 5-3; S Duggan (Eng) M Wildman (Eng), 5-1; M Gauvreau (Can) bt I Williamson (Eng), 5-1; B Werbeniuk (Can) bt J Dunning (Eng), 5-3; C Roscoe (Wal) bt W Jones (Wal), 5-4; L Dodd (Eng) bt R Marshall (Eng), 5-3; P Browne (Ire) bt M Bradley (Eng), 5-2; M Bennett (Wal) bt J Rea (Sco), 5-4; N Gilbert (Eng) bt M Johnston-Allen (Eng), 5-4. Second round: M Smith (Eng) bt P Houlihan (Ire), 5-2; G Scott (Eng) bt R Edmonds (Eng), 5-2; A Robidoux (Can) bt M Fisher (Eng), 5-0; T Murphy (NI) bt J Chambers (Eng), 5-3; J Fitzmaurice (Eng) bt J McLaughlin (NI), 5-2; M Price (Eng) bt D Gilbert (Eng), 5-4; B Oliver (Eng) bt J Campbell (Aus), 5-3; R Reardon (Wal) bt J Smith (Eng), 5-2; T Chappel (Wal) bt M Darrington (Eng), 5-1; K Stevens (Can) bt B Kelly (Ire), 5-1; I Graham (Eng) bt J Wright (Eng), 5-2; J Wych (Can) bt R Foldvari (Aus), 5-2; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt N Terry (Eng), 5-3; D Martin (Eng) bt M Watterson (Eng), 5-1; S Campbell (Eng) bt R Bales (Eng), 5-2; D Fowler (Eng) bt B Rowswell (Eng), 5-4. CAFE ROYAL: Continental Airlines London Snooker Masters: First round: S Hendry (Sco) bt T Griffiths (Wal), 4-0.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 47, Poole 48.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Sheffield 53, Bradford 37 KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Belle View v Cradley Heath — postponed, track waterlogged.

SQUASH RACKETS

KARACHI: Pakistan Open: Second round: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Hiddy Jahan (Eng), 15-5, 15-1, 15-3; B Newton (Aus) bt N Harvey (Eng), 15-9, 15-7, 15-7; C Robertson (Aus) bt Maqsood Hanif (Pak), 15-12, 15-12, 15-8; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 17-16, 15-9, 5-15, 15-9; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt S Butt (Can), 17-15, 15-5, 15-10; Zarak Jehan Khan (Pak) bt F Johnson (Swe), 15-13, 15-10, 15-16; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt P Kenyon (GB), 6-15, 17-14, 15-5, 15-10; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Maqsood Ahmed (Pak), 15-8, 15-2, 15-11.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Lancing bt Eton, 5-0 (Lancing names first): J Logan bt P Edey, 9-3,9-3,9-1; C Harmsworth bt T Jenkins, 9-2,9-2,9-3; R Patching bt J Urwin, 2-9,9-0,9-7,10-9; N Hall bt J Hanham, 9-1,9-1,9-5; S Baker bt P Millar, 9-4,7-9,9-4,9-7.

TENNIS

BARI, Italy: Men's Grand Prix tournament: Second round: A Mancini (Arg) bt R Viver (Ec), 6-0, 6-4.

GENEVA: Men's Grand Prix tournament: Quarter-finals: H de la Pena (Arg) bt C Bergstroem (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-1, 6-2; K Carlsson (Swe) bt F Luna (Sp), 6-1, 6-2.

LOS ANGELES: Men's Grand Prix tournament: Second round (US unless stated): M Pernfors (Swe) bt M Davis, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; M Woodforde (Aus) bt J Kriek, 7-5, 6-2; J McEnroe bt M Chang, 6-2, 6-4; A Agassi bt J Lozano (Mex), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

PARIS: Clarins Open: Second round: P Langrova (Cz) bt R Marsikova (Cz), 6-2, 6-0; S Wasserman, (Bel) bt N Guerree (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; L Garrone (It) bt F Gauvain (Fr), 6-2, 6-1; J Pospisilova (Cz) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-0, 6-3.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
A Villa v Nottingham F
Charlton v Newcastle
Derby v QPR
Everton v Luton
Manchester Utd v West Ham
Norwich v Millwall
Sheffield Wed v Arsenal
Southampton v Liverpool
Tottenham v Middlesbrough
Wimbledon v Coventry

Vauxhall-Opel League
Premier division
Bishop's Stortford v Harrow
Bromley v Hendon
Carshalton v Windsor and Eton
Marlow v Dagenham
Tooting and Mitcham v Leyton-W

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Section A: Coleraine v Portadown; Larne v Carrick; Linfield v Crusaders. Section B: Distillery v Bangor; Glenavon v Newry; Glentoran v Cliftonville; Ards v Ballymena.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Ipswich; Luton v Oxford United (2.0); Reading v Queen's Park Rangers (2.0); Watford v Millwall; West Ham v Tottenham (2.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Rhyl; Caernarfon v Frickley; Gateshead v Marine; Hyde v Bangor City; Morecambe v Witton. First division: Curzon Ashton v Eastwood Hanley; Farsley v Penrith; Lancaster v Droylsden; Sutton Town v Colne Dynamoes; Whitley Bay v Newtown.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Merthyr; Bath v Leicester United; Cambridge City v Fareham; Corby v Dartford; Crawley v Burton; Wealdstone v Bromsgrove. Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Rushden; Bilston v Mile Oak; Bridgnorth v Tamworth, Hednesford v King's Lynn; Nuneaton v Spalding. Southern division: Baldock v Ruislip; Buckingham v Corinthian; Canterbury v Bury; Hastings v Poole.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Worthing v Oxford City. Second division north: Barton v Harlow; Hemel Hempstead v Letchworth GC; Purfleet v Vauxhall Motors; Rainham v Aveley; Royston v Berkhamsted; Stevenage Borough v Tring; Tilbury v Hornchurch; Ware v Saffron Walden; Witham v Hertford; Wolverton v Heybridge. Second division south: Camberley v Ruislip Manor; Eastbourne United v Chertsey; Epsom and Ewell v Feltham; Harefield v Petersfield; Haringey Borough v Horsham; Maidenhead United v Hungerford; Yeading v Whyteleafe.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Warrington; Burscough v Atherton LR; Darwen v Ashton; Ellesmere Port v St Helens; Flixton v Skelmersdale; Rossendale v Prescot Cables. Rabb Karcher Cup: First round: Bacup v Nantwich; Daisy Hill v Padiham; Gt Harwood v Chadderton.

Second division
Barnsley v Manchester C
Blackburn v Birmingham
Bournemouth v Oxford
Ipswich v Bradford
Leeds v Chelsea
Leicester v Watford
Oldham v Hull
Plymouth v WBA
Portsmouth v C Palace
Shrewsbury v Sunderland
Swindon v Brighton
Walsall v Stoke

FA TROPHY: First round qualifying: Accrington Stanley v Fleetwood; Workington v Worksop; Tow Law v Stockton; Alfreton v North Shields; Southport v Buxton; Goole v Horwich RMI; Chester-le-Street v Radcliffe Borough; Ryhope CA v Gretna; Stalybridge v Shildon; Seaham Red Star v Guisborough; Ferryhill v Brandon; South Liverpool v Mossley; Easington Colliery v Crook; Dudley v Congleton; Winsford v Coventry Sporting; Grantham v Shepshed Charterhouse; Sutton Coldfield v Colwyn Bay; Matlock v Redditch; Moor Green v Eastwood Town; Gainsborough Trinity v Halesowen; VS Rugby v Atherstone; Willenhall v Leek; Bedworth v Stourbridge; Staines v Dunstable; Farnborough v Hampton; Wivenhoe v Chalfont St Peter; Uxbridge v Witney; Ashford v Burnham; Basingstoke v Folkestone; Erith and Belvedere v Dover; Sheppey v Banbury; Tonbridge v Grays; Billericay v Kingstonian; Leatherhead v Kingsbury; Metropolitan Police v Boreham Wood; Gravesend and Northfleet v Bognor Regis; Woking v St Albans; Barking v Basildon; Wembley v Chelmsford; Hayes v Bracknell; Thanet v Hitchin; Lewes v Dulwich Hamlet; Chesham v Collier Row; Croydon v Walton and Hersham; Bridgend v Salisbury; Frome v Cwmbran; Barry v Bideford; Taunton v Dorchester; Forest Green v Gloucester; Ton Pentre v Andover; Maesteg Park v Weston-super-Mare; Worcester v Waterlooville; Gosport Borough v Trowbridge.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Ebbw Vale; Aberystwyth v Briton Ferry; Brecon v AFC Cardiff; Haverfordwest v Caerleon, Pembroke v Port Talbot; Pontllanfraith v Milford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Swanage and Herston; Bristol Manor Farm v Chard; Exmouth v Chippenham; Mangotsfield v Plymouth Argyle; Minehead v Radstock; Saltash v Paulton; Torrington v Clevedon; Welton v Liskeard.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST: Premier division: Armthorpe v Bridlington Trinity; Belper v Emley; Bridlington Town v Hatfield; Grimethorpe v Pontefract; Hallam v Guiseley; Harrogate v Denaby; North Ferriby v Ossett Albion; Thackley v Brigg.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First qualifying round: Egham v Farnham; Frimley Green v Corinthian Casuals; Godalming v Carshalton; Merstham v Kew Association; Westfield v Sheen Old Grammarians.

Third division
Aldershot v Bolton
Brentford v Sheffield Utd
Bristol C v P Vale
Bury v Mansfield
Chester v Huddersfield
Chesterfield v Blackpool
Fulham v Wigan
Gillingham v Reading
Northampton v Bristol R
Notts Co v Preston
Swansea v Wolverhampton

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Ipswich; Cambridge v Southend; Charlton v Leyton Orient; Millwall v Chelsea; Norwich v Fulham; Tottenham v Gillingham; Watford v Portsmouth; West Ham v Queen's Park Rangers. Second division: Bournemouth v Swindon; Bristol Rovers v Brighton; Bristol City v Colchester; Crystal Palace v Tottenham; Luton v Southampton; Oxford v Reading; Wimbledon v Brentford.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Brentwoods; Old Cholmeleians v Lancing Old Boys; Old Harrovians v Old Chigwellians; Old Malvernians v Old Salopians. First division: Old Citizens v Old Foresters; Old Wellingburians v Old Ardinians; Old Westminsters v Old Bradfieldians; Old Wykehamists v Old Etonians.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Town v Newcastle Blue Star; Blyth v Billingham Synthonia (3.15); Durham v Whitby; South Bank v Spennymoor (3.15). Joshua Tetley League Cup: Preliminary round: Prudhoe v West Auckland; Whickham v Horden CW.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Crystal Palace v Oldham; Derby v Hemel Hempstead; Solent v Manchester.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.0): First division men: Corby Flyers v Worthing Bears; Oxford Park v Cheshire Jets; Stockport v Birmingham Bullets. First division women: Northampton v London YMCA (7.30).

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Barford Tigers v Bromsgrove; Birmingham Municipal v GEC Coventry; Boots v Worksop; Bridgnorth v Market Drayton; Handsworth Eagles v Tamworth; Rugby v Banbury.

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Ayr Bruins v Dundee Tigers (7.0); Cleveland Bombers v Nottingham Panthers (6.30); Fyfe Flyers v Murrayfield Racers (7.15); Telford Tigers v Streatham Redskins (7.0); Trafford Metros v Durham Wasps (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Liverpool City v Malory CLC (2.30); Polonia v Staffordshire Moorlands (7.30); Reebok Redwood Lodge v Bradford (7.15); Star Aquila v Capital City (7.30); WH White Poole v Time Out Spark (5.45).

Fourth division
Burnley v Colchester
Carlisle v Rotherham
Doncaster v Wrexham
Exeter v Scunthorpe
Grimsby v Rochdale
Hartlepool v Cambridge
Lincoln v Hereford
Peterborough v York
Scarborough v Torquay

B & Q Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Hearts
Dundee v Celtic
Hibernian v Hamilton
Motherwell v Dundee Utd
Rangers v St Mirren

First division
Aidrie v Partick
Ayr v St Johnstone
Clyde v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
Forfar v Raith
Meadowbank v Clydebank
Morton v Queen of Sth

Second division
Albion v Queen's Park
Dumbarton v Alloa
E Fife v Arbroath
E Stirling v Brechin
Montrose v Stranraer
Stenhsemuir v Berwick
Stirling v Cowdenbeath

OTHER SPORT

ANGLING: National championships: Fourth division (River Trent, Nottingham).

ATHLETICS: Midland AAA six stage relay championship (Sutton Park).

CYCLING: Porthcawl festival.

EQUESTRIANISM: Remy Martin Osberton trials (Worksop).

GOLF: Men's English county finals (Seacroft): Worplesdon open mixed foursomes.

LACROSSE: First test: England v Australia (Old Trafford).

MOTORCYCLING: World TT Formula one championship: qualifying (Donington): Clubmans races (Cadwell Park and Snetterton).

MOTOR SPORT: Grand Prix circuit races (Brands Hatch); BRSCC championship races (Oulton Park).

ORIENTEERING: Caddihoe Chase (Newquay).

ROWING: Pairs head of river race (River Thames).

SNOOKER: European open qualifying (Blackpool).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Arena Essex v Long Eaton; Stoke v Hackney; George Beaton Cup: First leg: Berwick v Glasgow.

SWIMMING: BLDSA Mercers Park 3 miles.

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Weymouth
Barnet v Macclesfield
Boston v Cheltenham
Chorley v Kettering
Kidderminster v Newport
Maidstone v Telford
Northwich v Fisher
Sutton Utd v Stafford
Welling v Enfield
Wycombe v Runcorn
Yeovil v Aylesbury

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division
Bath v Gloucester
Lpool St H v Leicester
Moseley v Rosslyn Park
Nottingham v Bristol
Orrell v Waterloo
Wasps v Harlequins

Second division
Bedford v London Scottish
Blackheath v Gosforth
Coventry v Sale
Northampton v Headingley
Richmond v London Welsh
Saracens v London Irish

Third division
Askeans v Exeter
Nuneaton v Fylde
Sheffield v Rugby
Vale of Lune v Plymouth
Wakefield v Met Police
W Hartlepool v Maidstone

North area
Birmingham v Morley
Roundhay v Preston Grhprs
Stoke v Northern
Stourbridge v Durham
Winnington Park v Lichfield

South area
Ealing v Cheltenham
Redruth v Salisbury
Southend v Sidcup
Stroud v Lydney
Sudbury v Havant

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: North Walsham v Ipswich; Old Gaytonians v US Portsmouth; Ruislip v Lewes; Streatham-Croydon v Dartfordians; Sutton and Epsom v Guildford and Godalming. Second division north: Cheshunt v Grasshoppers; Hertford v Old Merchant Taylors; Norwich v Upper Clapton; Thurrock v Bishop's Stortford; Woodford v Barking. Second division south: Old Alleynians v Camberley; Old Brockleians v Esher; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v KCS Old Boys; Old Reigatians v Purley; Tunbridge Wells v Gravesend. Third division north east: Brentwood v Old Cantabrigian; Chingford v Cambridge; Eton Manor v Metropolitan Police (Chigwell); Old Westcliffians v West Norfolk; Saffron Walden v Ipswich YMCA. Third division north west: Bacavians v Letchworth; Fullerians v Hendon; Mill Hill v Kingsburians; St Mary's Hospital v Finchley; Tabard v Hemel Hempstead.

MIDLANDS: First division: Mansfield v Hereford; Newark v Westleigh; Paviors v Stockwood Park; Solihull v Derby; Walsall v Wolverhampton. Second division east: Hinckley v Moderns; Matlock v Kettering; Peterborough v Syston; Stewart and Lloyds v Lincoln; Vipers v Leighton Buzzard. Second division west: Bromsgrove v Worcester; Dixonians v Tamworth; Newbold v Dudley-Kingswinford; Old Yardleians v Burton; Stafford v Bedworth. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Newcastle (Staffs) v Leamington; Old Leamingtonians v Old Longtonians; Stoke Old Boys v Stratford; Trentham v Nuneaton OE; Willenhall v Keresley. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth v Kings Norton; Camp Hill v Kidderminster Carolians; Evesham v Old Halesonians; Luctonians v Malvern; Whitchurch v Shrewsbury. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Amber Valley v Worksop; Chesterfield v West Bridgford; East Retford v Scunthorpe; Glossop v Southwell; Kesteven v Stamford. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Long Buckby v Oadby Wyggestonians; Loughborough v Luton; Towcestrians v Belgrave; Wellingborough v Northampton Trinity; Wigston v Aylestone St James.

NORTH: First division: Halifax v Tynedale; Harrogate v Birkenhead Park; Hull and ER v Kendal; Otley v Hartlepool Rovers; West Park v Aspatria. Second division: Alnwick v Lymm; Carlisle v Widnes; Huddersfield v Sandal; Middlesbrough v Wharfedale; New Brighton v Bradford and Bingley. North east: First division: Blaydon v Westoe; Keighley v Morpeth; Novocastrians v Old Crossleyans; Rotherham v Old Brodleians; Thornensians v Stockton. North west: First division: Caldy v Wigan; Egremont v Manchester; Rochdale v Chester; Sedgley Park v Mid-Cheshire College; Wilmslow v Wirral.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Berry Hill v Clifton; St Ives v Reading; Taunton v Oxford; Torquay Athletic v Maidenhead; Weston-super-Mare v High Wycombe. Second division: Abbey v Bournemouth; Henley v Matson; Launceston v Devon and Cornwall Police; Newbury v Cinderford; Redingensians v Brixham. Southern counties: Aylesbury v Bletchley; Swanage and Wareham v Oxford Old Boys; Swindon v Oxford Marathon; Wimborne v Marlow; Windsor v Slough. Western counties: Avonmouth Old Boys v Clevedon; Devonport Services v Newquay Hornets; Redcliffians v Okehampton; Tiverton v Crediton; Truro v Gordon League.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Ireland v Italy (at Lansdowne Road).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Llanelli v Leinster (at Stradey Park).

ULSTER: Senior clubs: Ards v Wanderers; Young Munster v Malone; Ballynahinch v Queen's University; Instonians v Old Belvedere; Armagh v Academy; Bangor v Skerries; City of Derry v NIFC; Portadown v Ballyclare.

LEINSTER SENIOR CLUBS: Blackrock College v Ballymena; DLSP v CIYMS; Greystones v Dolphin; Monkstown v Dublin University; St Mary's College v Galwegians.

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division
Boroughmuir v Ayr
Edinburgh Acad v Stewart's-Mel FP
Glasgow Acads v Watsonians
Glasgow High v W of Scotland
Heriot's FP v Kelso
Jed-Forest v Hawick
Selkirk v Melrose

NORTH: Club matches: Broughton Park v Wrexham; Burnage v Calder Vale; Davenport v Sandbach; Mold v Rhyl.

CLUB MATCHES
Aberavon v Cardiff
Abertillery v Maesteg
Bridgend v Pontypool
Cross Keys v Crumlin
Ebbw Vale v S Wales Police
Llanelli v Leinster
Neath v Pontypridd
Penarth v Tredegar
Swansea v Newport

TOMORROW

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford v Wigan (3.30); Castleford v Oldham (3.30); Hull KR v Halifax; Leeds v St Helens; Wakefield v Salford (3.30); Warrington v Hull; Widnes v Featherstone. Second division: Barrow v Whitehaven (2.30); Carlisle v Huddersfield (2.30); Fulham v Bramley; Hunslet v Batley (3.30); Leigh v Sheffield (3.30); Rochdale v Keighley; Runcorn v Doncaster; Swinton v Mansfield; Workington v Chorley; York v Dewsbury.

RUGBY UNION

TOURNAMENTS: Preparatory schools festival (Prior Park College, Bath); City seven-a-sides (Richmond, 12.0, final, 5.30).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Sunderland v Leicester (4.0). NatWest Trophy: Glasgow v Livingston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Brixton Topcats v Gateshead Vikings (4.0). First division women: Brixton Topcats v Sheffield Hatters (2.0); Cardiff v Stockport (1.30); Crystal Palace v Kingston (3.0); London Jets v Ipswich (4.0); Nottingham Wildcats v Tyneside (3.30).

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE (men): Great Dane v Milton Keynes (3.0); Kirkby Select v Manchester United SSS (4.0); Liverpool v Birkenhead (3.30); Wakefield v EK '82 (1.0).

BRITISH LEAGUE (women): Halewood Town v Manchester United SSS (2.0).

HOCKEY

MIDLANDS: County Cup Competitions: Derbyshire (Derby); Leicestershire (Leicester); Nottinghamshire (Highfields); Northamptonshire (Northampton); Shropshire (Telford); Staffordshire (Cannock); Warwickshire (Coventry); Worcestershire (various venues).

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Durham Wasps v Whitley Warriors (6.30); Murrayfield Racers v Glasgow Eagles (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Telford Tigers (6.30); Solihull Barons v Streatham Redskins (6.30); Tayside Tigers v Fife Flyers (7.0); Trafford Metros v Nottingham Panthers (5.30).

AUTUMN TROPHY: Cardiffs Devils v Swindon Wildcats (6.30); Deeside Dragons v Suderland Chiefs (5.30); Richmond Flyers v Romford Raiders (5.45).

TABLE TENNIS

LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Butterfly Cardiff v Ormesby.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division men: Reebok Redwood Lodge v Hilton Leeds (10.15); Speedwell Rucanor v Bradford. First division women: Hilton Leeds v Ashcombe Syenco (2.0); MGI Wessex v Spark 88 (2.30).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Porthcawl festival.

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MOTORCYCLING: World TT Formula one championship (Donington); National races (Snetterton).

MOTOR SPORT: Grand Prix circuit races (Brands Hatch); BRSCC championship races (Cadwell Park).

ORIENTEERING: Caddihoe Chase (Newquay); Scottish score championships (Deeside).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Eastbourne v Poole (3.30); Glasgow v Edinburgh (3.30); Rye House v Milton Keynes (4.0).

SWIMMING: Ripon racecourse 2 and 4 miles long distance swim.

SPORT ON TV

MOTOR SPORT: BBC1 2.10 p.m.: Tduor Webasto Manx rally: Highlights from the Isle of Man.

RACING: BBC1 1.55 p.m.: 2.0, 2.35, 3.10, 3 50 and 4.25 races from Ascot. 3.35 race (Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger) from the Curragh.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.

Tomorrow

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 6-7.15 p.m.: National Football League news.

MOTOR SPORT: BBC2 2.25 p.m. Highlights 11.50 p.m.: Portuguese Grand Prix from Estoril. ITV 3-5 a.m. (Monday): Indy-Car racing: Marlboro 500.

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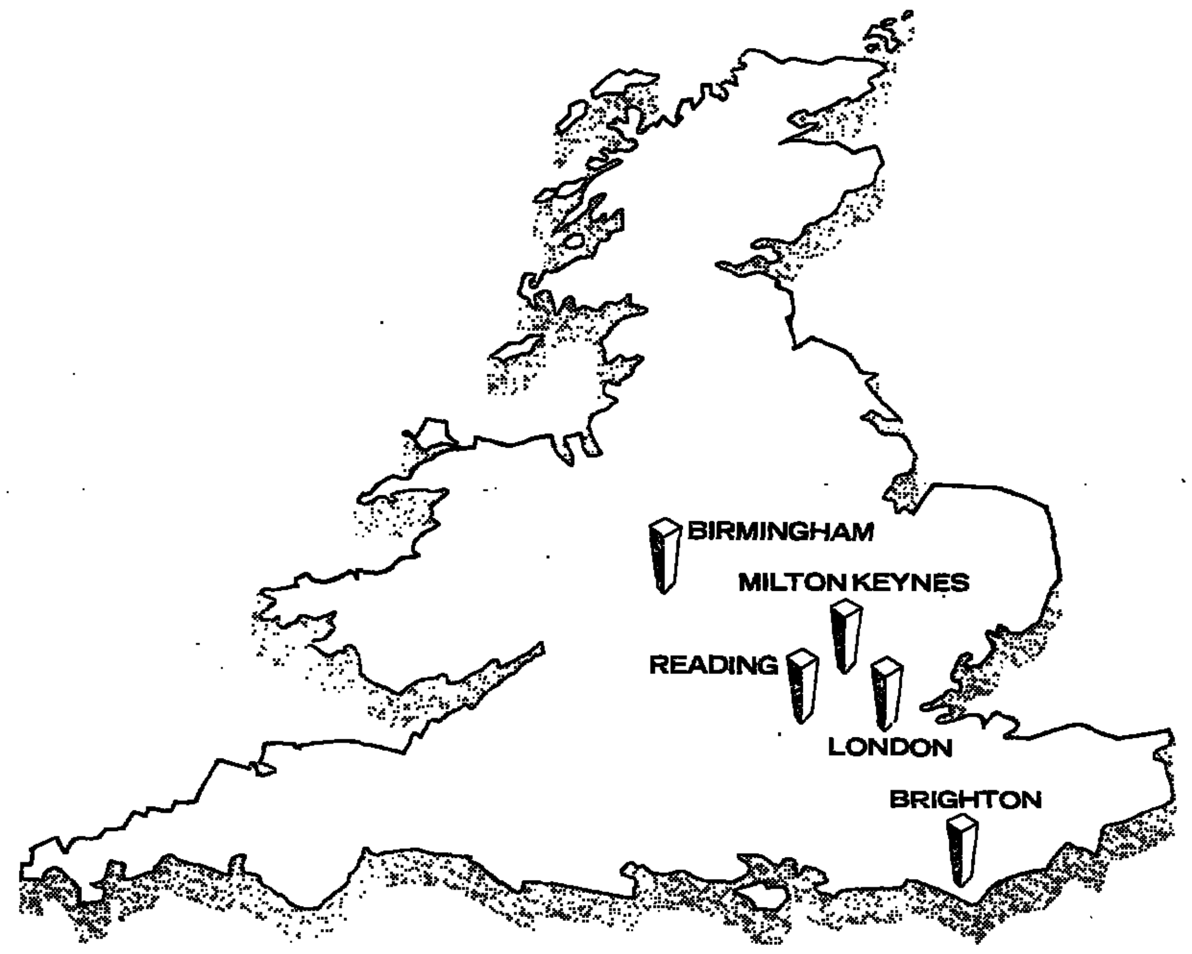

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Lacecaps win their colours

Pretty new species have helped **Francesca Greenoak** learn to love hydrangeas again

Ugly mop-headed hydrangeas, speckled with grime, which seemed almost universal in small urban front gardens, established in me a deep-seated prejudice. I still can't bear these artificial-looking mop heads in their garish metallic blues and reds, even when they are in a more suitable context. Over the past years, though, I have dropped my uneducated grudge against hydrangeas as a whole, as I have learned how many delightful species and cultivators there are within this genus.

First, of course, one has to acknowledge the beauty of the lacecaps, which like the guelder-rose have a flat cluster of small fertile flowers starred around the edge with the large sterile ones. (They are, in fact, the same species, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, as the horrible mops.) There is a considerable choice of lacecaps, from Mariesii, which has been available for a hundred years or so, to newer kinds such as Lanarth white or White Wave, which have pink or blue inner flowers with a circlet of white stars.

Hydrangeas tend to vary in colouring, depending on where they are grown: plants which grow blue in an acid soil will have pink flowers in a limey area. Lime in the soil locks up aluminium and other trace elements which are needed to produce the blue pigmentation.

There are some gardeners who invariably desire the opposite of what they would grow naturally and they spend their days watering the roots with the blueing agent aluminium sulphate. I feel that it is better to go with your soil type rather than against it, and concentrate on getting a shapely, healthy plant. There is, however, one new lacecap variety called Geoffrey Chadbund which comes out brick red in any soil type.

Hydrangeas on the whole like a fertile and rather moist soil with plenty of organic matter in it. Many prefer a slightly shaded position. Most suffer in chill winds and late frosts, especially in spring, when the early foliage appears.

However, if they are planted sensibly in a sheltered place (and given a mulch or green netting blanket during the first few winters), they grow stronger with age and are usually quite trouble-free.

Hydrangea petiolaris is deservedly becoming one of the most popular species. A deciduous climbing hydrangea, it looks wonderful trained in a fan shape on a wall, and is hardy enough even for a northerly aspect. Its white lace-cap flowers open in midsummer in a fresh display, set against long, bright green leaves.

In winter the rich red-brown of the woody stems is most attractive. It grows obligingly in any soil, tolerating dryness and any aspect from sun through to deep shade. Fan trained, I have seen specimens up to 30ft long and 6ft high – but this is exceptional, and if you don't have a wall that long, they can be pruned back.

At this point, I should ask hydrangeaphobes to clear their minds of mop-head preconceptions and peep into nurseries and parks which hold a fuller range of hydrangea species.

Hydrangea paniculata in its late-blooming form Tardiva has soft grey-green leaves and creamy cone-shaped panicles of flower.

The form Grandiflora, which has very large flowering panicles fading prettily to pink, is to my mind prettiest when it has lots of flower stems. Pruning back to a very few stems in spring gives huge overweight flowerheads which look out of proportion. An unusual way of growing this type as a small standard tree can be seen at Darley Park in Derby. The *paniculata* kinds generally like sunshine, but a recent cultivar known as Kyushu tolerates dappled shade and is more compact.

The Somerset gardener Margery Fish thought "nothing more adorable than a little bush of *Hydrangea involucrata* Hortensis covered in its little double pink flowers" which appear from summer to early autumn – but she did not like its appearance after flowering. For those of us living in colder regions, this plant would perhaps be better grown in a tub. This variety is slow growing and would live quite happily in a container 2ft 6in across and 2ft deep. It could then be brought out when the danger of frosts is passed, shown at the best of its foliage and flowers and taken under shelter again for the winter.

Valued for its autumn colour, the oak-leaved hydrangea *Hydrangea quercifolia* is another less known but very attractive species. Its dark green leaves are usually compared to a turkey oak but are nearer the handsome, long, pointed lobes of a wild service tree. In winter they turn a bright orange red. The flowers are a clear greeny white, fading late into an autumn pink and winter brown.

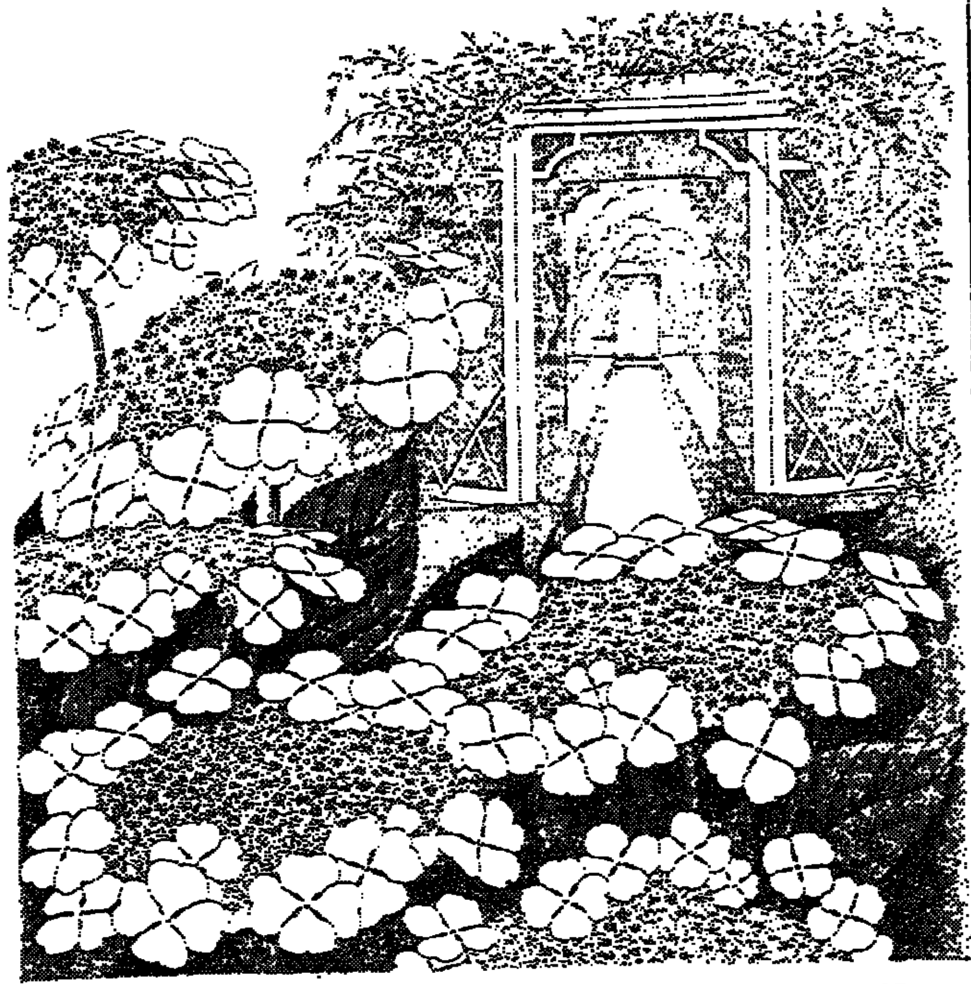
It is reckoned to suffer at temperatures below 14°F/10°C, but once established it grows strongly in a sheltered position.

There now appear to be about 120 different kinds of hydrangea available. The *macroaphyllas* and increasingly the *paniculatas* and *petiolaris* are to be seen in garden centres but for a full range, you need to go to nurseries or specialist growers.

The Plant Finder (£8.95 from The Hardy Plant Society, Freepost, Worcester WR2 4BR) lists a number of specialized nurseries, while the current Hillier catalogue has 50-odd which are available for collection or by mail order.

Hydrangeas can be seen in many of the famous gardens (especially those in the South-west, such as Trelissick in Cornwall, where they grow very much larger in the milder conditions). The Hillier arboretum is a good place to browse before you make your own choice, and Darley Park in Derby has for the past three years been building up the National Collection of hydrangeas for the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens.

CLARE ROBERTS



Crowned with glory: one of the newer lacecaps, White Wave, with its inner cluster of flowers

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Take penstemmon cuttings, place in pots or trays and overwinter in a cool greenhouse or frame.**
- **Remove all damaged or decayed foliage from greenhouses and pot plants before you bring them in for the winter.**
- **Earth up leeks and celery.**
- **Take cuttings of pot geraniums if you haven't already done so.**
- **Keep dead-heading dahlias to ensure a continuation of bloom.**
- **Plant climbing plants by warm walls; do not forget to water.**
- **Sow new lawns, having prepared the ground thoroughly first. Break clods of earth, firm the soil. A few days before sowing, apply a balanced fertilizer, rake and firm again. After sowing, rake gently and water, protect from birds and cats with netting until the soil greens.**
- **Begin to lift main crop potatoes; select those which are in perfect condition, dry and store in paper sacks.**

OUTINGS

ENGLISH COUNTRY WEEKEND: Vineyard tours, wine tastings, an exhibition of food and drink, silver band and children's entertainments, miniature train rides. Full refreshments and licensed bar.
Chilford Hall, Linton, Cambridgeshire (0223 892641). Today, tomorrow 11am-6pm. Admission: £2.25, includes two tastings and a souvenir mug, child free.

PENNINE REGION BALLOON ASSOCIATION HOT AIR MEETING: Large meet with flying early morning and early evening, weather permitting.
Stanford Hall, Lutterworth, Leicestershire. Today, tomorrow. Adult £1, child 50p.

CRAFT AND BREWERY TRADES FAYRE: Lots of craft stalls and an exhibition of brewing-associated trades including coopering, sign writing, clogging.
Bass Museum of Brewing, Horninglow Street, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire (further information 0283 45301). Today, tomorrow 10.30am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child 60p.

BENSON AND HEDGES CONCOURSE – INTERNATIONAL FINAL: Finalists from the five previous competitions assemble to show off their classic cars and compete for the title.
Syon Park, West London. Tomorrow 10am-5pm. Free.

MINIATURA FAIR: Many dolls' houses, little people, furniture, fixtures and fittings for sale – all in one-twelfth and related scales.
Pavilion Suite, County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston Road, Birmingham. Today 10.30am-5pm. Adult £1.80, accompanied child 50p.

ALICE AT BELSAY: Scenes from *Alice in Wonderland* in the gardens. Visitors, invited to come dressed as Alice or a playing card, will meet the Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts and many other characters.
Belsay Hall, 14 miles north of Newcastle, Northumberland (066 181636). Today, tomorrow 11am-late afternoon. Adult £1, child 50p.

IN STEAM WEEKEND: Beam engines at work, including the oldest working steam engine in the world – the Watt 1812.
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Korchnoi's coup

That great veteran, Viktor Korchnoi, is on the warpath again. After a setback in the first leg of the World Cup, where Korchnoi was defeated more by the exhausting length of the event than by the superiority of his opponents, the former world title challenger has now won two tournaments in a row.

The first, at Royan in France, saw Korchnoi dominating a field which included Grandmasters Murei and Pfleger, and the Hungarian girl, Zsuzsa Polgar, who made her first Grandmaster result there. In the second, held in Amsterdam, Korchnoi emerged triumphant in a double round competition, ahead of Nunn, Hort, van der Wiel, Nikolic and Ljubojevic.

The game I have chosen to exemplify Korchnoi's current form is a devastating little gem from the tournament in France.

White: Viktor Korchnoi; Black: Olivier Renet. English Opening, Royan 1988.

1 c4 e5 2 g3 Nf6
3 Bg2 c6 4 d4 exd4
5 Qxd4 d5 6 Nc3 dxc4

Black seeks to equalize by clearing away the central pawns. In any case, after 6 ... Be6 7 cxd5 cxd5 8 Nf3 Nc6 9 Qa4 Bc5 10 0-0 0-0 11 Bg5, White would enjoy a slight strategic advantage based on the isolation of Black's Queen's pawn.

7 Qxc4 Be6 8 Qa4 Be7

At this stage Black could have proceeded more actively, by means of 8 ... Nbd7 9 Nf3 Nc5 10 Qc2 Qd7. As played, Renet gradually drifts into a passive situation.

9 Nf3 Qc8

If now 9 ... Nbd7 10 Nd4 Nc5 11 Nxe6 Nxa4 12 Nxd8 Nxc3 13 Nxb7, when White would have a clear advantage. The plan introduced by the text move is also not good. Black simply does not have the time to exchange off the powerful White King's Bishop. Instead he should recognize the limitations of his opening strategy and castle.

10 0-0 Bh3 11 Bxh3 Qxh3
12 Qb3! Qc8

The only defence against, inter alia, the combination Qxf7+ to be followed by Ng5+.

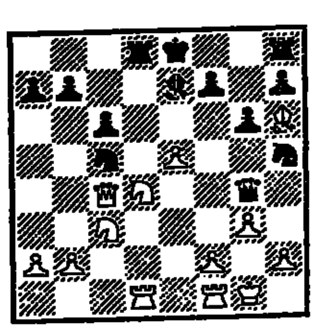
13 e4 Na6

13 ... 0-0 14 e5 Nd7 15 Ne4 is also quite unappetizing for Black, who would have been driven back right along the line. It is questionable, though, whether this could have been worse than the game.

14 Nd4 g6

A necessary defence against the threat of 15 Nf5.

15 e5 Nc5 16 Qc4 Nh5
17 Bh6 Qg4 18 Rad1 Rd8?



Under terrible pressure and unable to castle, Black commits the decisive error. Korchnoi now strikes out with a spectacular coup, which leaves the Black position in ruins.

19 Ndb5!! Qc8

Korchnoi's 19th move was a brilliant Queen sacrifice which deprives Black of a decent reply. If 19 ... Qxc4? 20 Nc7 is checkmate, while 19 ... cxb5 evidently fails to 20 Qxg4.

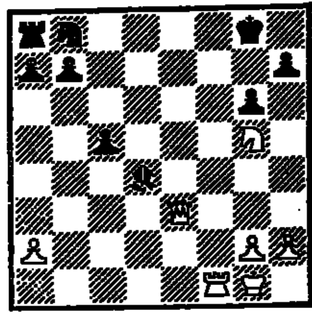
20 Nd6+ Bxd6 21 exd6 Ne6
22 Rfe1 Kd7 23 g4!

Black resigns.

If 23 ... Nf6 24 Bg7! is absolutely crushing. A drastic miniature, and evidence that Korchnoi's powers are by no means on the wane. A home audience will be able to see Korchnoi in action first hand, when he comes to Hastings later this year to compete in the Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster Tournament.

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE



In the above position, White has a Queen for a Black's Bishop. However, White's Queen is pinned and seems to be lost. Nevertheless White has a knock-out blow ready. What is White's winning move?

To enter *The Times* Winning Move competition, send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times* Winning Move Competition, The Times, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners' names together with the winning move will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Qh7+.

Last Saturday's competition was a position from Djurhus-Berg, Copenhagen, this year. White wins with the spectacular Queen sacrifice 1 Qh5+. The winners are Gary Salter, Felsted School, Essex; A D. Hargreaves, Whitstable, Kent and Mrs Michelle Edmondson, Ashton Road, Lancaster.

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Women's winners

The American trials, held to select their representatives for the forthcoming Olympiad, took place in Memphis, Tennessee. No-one could complain that these were short inconclusive tests – both the women's and the men's trials consisted of 128-board semi-finals, followed by a 128-board final.

The pundits forecast that the women's final would be between the current holders of the Olympiad title and an experienced sextet containing Dorothy Truscott and Mary Jane Farrell. The pundits were wrong. In a close match of indifferent quality, a little-known team from Seattle managed to maintain sufficient of their rapidly diminishing lead to withstand a late challenge by the Truscott team.

But the real surprise was the defeat of the hot favourites, who seemed sadly out of form. In a desperate attempt to turn the tide they tried a new partnership of possibly the two best individuals, Judi Radin and Jacqui Mitchell. But it was to no avail; they lost by 55 IMPs.

No-one gave the Seattle team much chance in the final; with 16 boards to play they trailed by 51 IMPs. But Keri Shuman and Rhoda Walsh had a disastrous final set, including two hands when they conceded -1080. To their infinite relief, Beverley Rosenberg and Carol Pinous had performed wonders in the other room. The winning margin was 34 IMPs. The remaining pair of the winning team were Helen Utegaard playing with the vastly experienced Edith Freilich.

Male commentators who occasionally make condescending comparisons between women's play and the men's game will find this hand food for thought.

American Trials. Women's Semi-finals. Love All.
Dealer South.

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            ♠ A K J
            ♡ K 9 7
            ◇ A 9 8 5
            ♣ K 5 4
♠ 9 8 4           N          ♠ Q 7 3 2
♡ 6            W     E       ♡ J 10 8
◇ K Q 10 7 3 2    S          ◇ 6 4
♣ J 9 3                      ♣ Q 8 7 6
            ♠ 10 6 5
            ♡ A Q 5 4 3 2
            ◇ J
            ♣ A 10 2
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This hand was played at six tables (there was only one semi-final in the men's trials, where the Pender team had earned a bye into the final). One of the men's pairs played conservatively in four hearts. All the rest bid six hearts, and received the lead of the ◇K. Four unsuccessfully relied on the spade finesse. Karen McCallum had other ideas. She *ducked* the ◇K, but won the continuation with the ◇A. After drawing three rounds of trumps, she cashed the ♠AK and ruffed a diamond in her hand to leave this ending:

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         ♠ J
         ♡ –
         ◇ 9
         ♣ K 5 4
♠ –           N        ♠ Q 7
♡ –        W     E     ♡ –
◇ Q 10        S        ◇ –
♣ J 9 3                ♣ Q 8 7
         ♠ –
         ♡ 5 4
         ◇ –
         ♣ A 10 2
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On the penultimate trump West could comfortably discard a diamond, East a spade, while dummy parted with a club. But the last trump ruined each opponent in turn. West had to retain the ◇Q, so was forced to relinquish a club. The ◇9 had fulfilled its purpose and the screw turned on East. She had to keep the ♠Q so she too threw a club, allowing a triumphant declarer to claim the last trick with the ♣10.

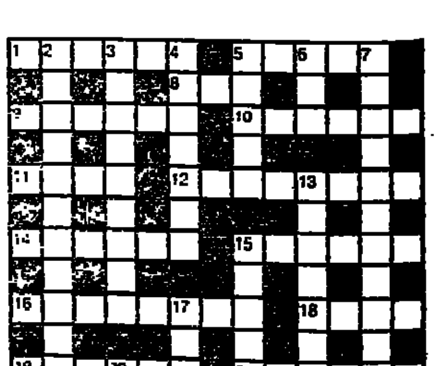
"She would have looked pretty silly if West had held the ♠Q," some ungenerous critic observed. Not silly, unlucky. Because if West has the ♠Q and the sole control in diamonds she will be caught in a guard squeeze, provided she has a club honour. So declarer's play was technically superior, and prettier as well.

Jeremy Flint

CROSSWORD

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, September 29. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, October 1.

CONCISE NO 1676



ACROSS
1 Ship's radio officer (6).
5 Rugby pack setpiece (5).
8 Male cat (3).
9 Heavy, unappetising (6).
10 Recompense (6).
11 Isinglass (4).
12 Credit charge (8).
14 Sweetie (6).
15 Rely for support (6).
16 Enactments book (8).
18 Actual (4).
19 Fly larva (6).
21 Watching (6).
22 US services radio (1,1,1).
23 Matched (5).
24 Act indecisively (6).

DOWN
2 Middlesex Street market (9,4).
3 VIP treatment (3,6).
4 Clothes designer (7).
5 Clever (5).
6 Fish ovary (3).
7 N York advertising area (7,6).
13 Repulsive (9).
15 Go down (7).
17 Sum (5).
20 Wildebeest (3).

SOLUTION TO NO 1675

ACROSS: 1 Depict 4 Elated 9 Manager 0 Boxer 11 Feel 12 Sphagnum 14 Answer 15 Honshu 18 Go getter 20 Wash 2 Aaron 23 Aconite 25 Smells 26 Durham

DOWN: 1 Dim 2 Pincers 3 Cage 5 Labrador 6 Toxin 7 Dartmouth 8 Crepe 1 Franglais 13 Sentinel 16 Slavish 17 Kebab 19 Gorge 21 Tofu 24 Elm

The winners of prize concise No 1670 are Miss H. Simon, Church Lane, Saratt, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire; and G.E. Elliott, Fellows Road, Beeston, Nottingham.

SOLUTION TO NO 1670 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Avenge 5 Aired 8 Cup 9 Scotch 10 Reject 11 Foci 2 Lonesome 14 Minion 15 Doctor 16 Economic 18 Aria 19 Border 21 Preens 22 Ail 23 Spell 24 Eating

DOWN: 2 Victoria Cross 3 Nutrition 4 Echelon 5 Apron 6 Raj Decomposition 13 Sacrament 15 Decuple 17 Moral 20 Dee

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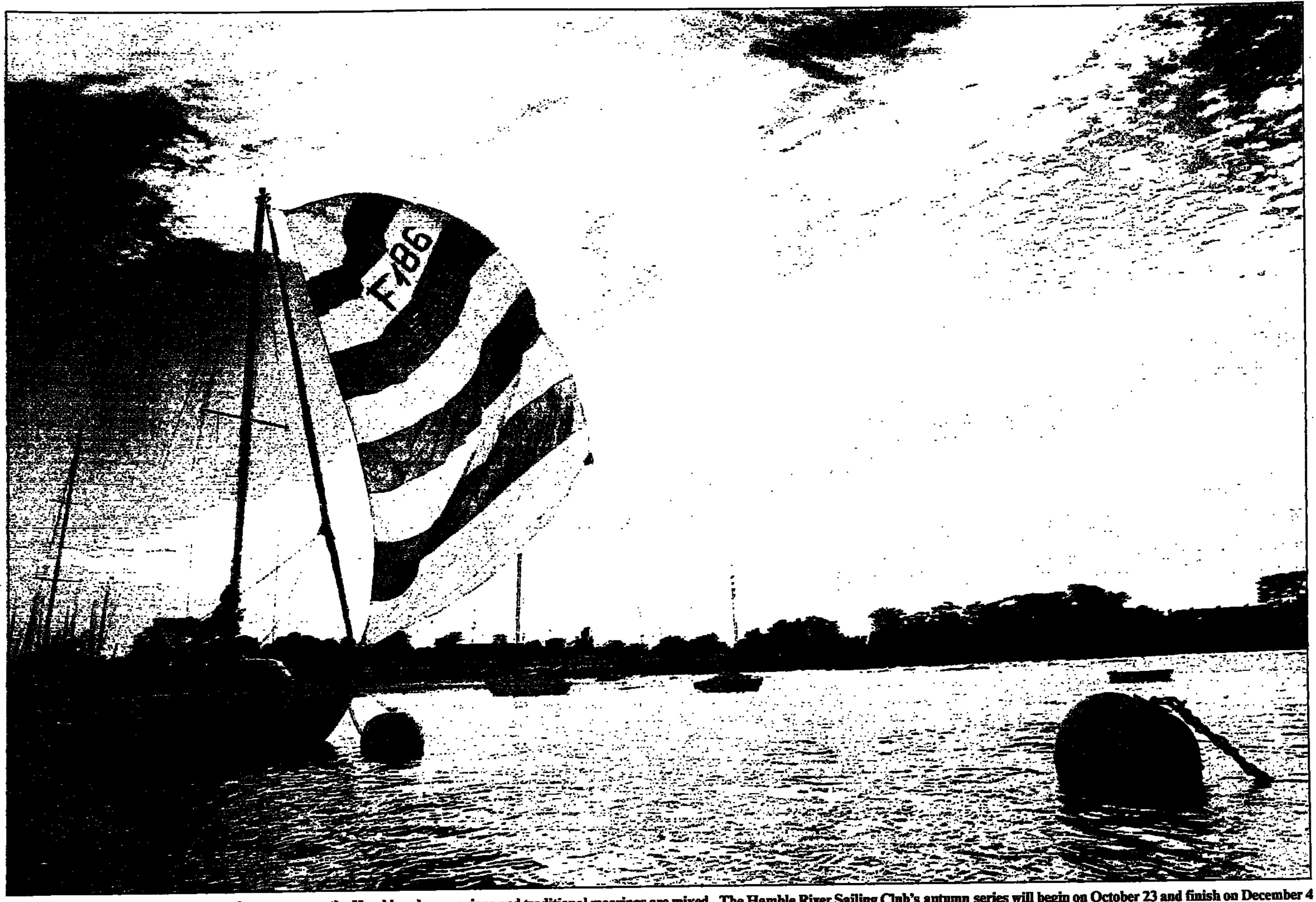
OUTDOOR LEISURE

Who needs a season for sailing?

By mid-September, in the grand old days, one had laid up one's yacht. Now some sailors simply never stop. **Malcolm McKeag** reports on a changing tradition

MARK PEPPER



The end to a day's sailing – but not to the season – on the Hamble, where marinas and traditional moorings are mixed. The Hamble River Sailing Club's autumn series will begin on October 23 and finish on December 4

At the boat yard at Cultra, on Belfast Lough, there is a saying: if you don't bring your yacht ashore by the end of the second week in September, God will bring her ashore for you. The weathermen may insist that the "equinoctial gales" of September's third week are an illusion, that there is no scientific relationship between the hours of darkness and the weight of the wind; but yachtsmen study the weather from the point of view of the end-user. Leave a boat on her mooring through the autumn equinox, they will tell you in Cultra, and you are storing up trouble.

On the other side of the lough, at Carrickfergus Marina, they are less worried by tradition. Even as you read this page, the autumn race series are being planned and drawers at home are searched for gloves, woolly hats and thermal underwear. Yacht racing in winter, they say at Carrickfergus, is much like yacht racing in summer – only colder.

In more genteel times, no one would have wanted to race yachts in winter. The yachting season used to finish for all but the most idiosyncratic in September, if not because of equinoctial gales, then because of the distractions of land-based pursuits. It is far from a coincidence that Cowes Week, starting as it does on the Saturday after Goodwood (which itself always starts on the last Tuesday in July) cannot finish later than August 10 – a narrow squeak that just leaves time enough to reach the moors by the Twelfth.

But social patterns change, and yachting has changed with them. Traditional rubrics of the yachting calendar have become more honoured in their breach than in their observance and the almost liturgical progression through the season – from fitting out in the spring to laying up in the autumn – is no longer followed with such reverence. Yachting for many is now close to a year-round pleasure.

❛Seventy-five per cent of our owners now keep their boats afloat all year round❜

That is not to say that the September winds have changed their nature or their force. Indeed, it is virtually impossible to get insurance cover for a yacht left afloat on an exposed, swinging mooring after September. But these days, with marinas, you don't need to.

The advent of the marina has had a profound effect. With their security, shelter, convenience and 12-month berth rental agreements, they allow yachts to stay afloat for longer, and give the yachtsman the chance to take what advantage he may of sparkling days in October, November and December. On the English south coast, where marina berths outnumber traditional moorings almost three to one, the yachtsman who lays up in the old sense is the rarity, not the rule.

In parts of the country with fewer marinas, of course, laying up is still an autumn ritual. The east coast, in particular, follows the old pattern. Back in the grand days, wealthier yachtsmen sent their craft for winter lay-up in the mudberths of Brightlingsea, Tollesbury, Rowhedge and Wivenhoe. The crews lived there and earnt their winter livelihood working their own oyster smacks and fishing boats.

Still today, many east coast yachtsmen traditionally haul ashore at season's end at a traditional yard. On the Thames foreshore at Southend-on-Sea, a co-operative of cruising yachtowners will hire a mobile crane and spend a September weekend lifting their yachts from the beach by the seawall, trundling them across the road to the yacht club boat park – occupied by racing dinghies during the season – and putting them away for the winter. It is a scene repeated at modest yachting centres all around the coast, for nowadays yacht ownership is far from restricted merely to the well-heeled.

Even on the east coast, however, there are winter sailors. Mike Peyton, a cartoonist whose lugubrious etchings continually remind yachtsmen of their failings, sails all year round from his Fambridge base on the River Crouch, and unfailingly attends a Boxing Day meet on the nearby Roach. Sometimes he meets only a few fellow diehards, sometimes more, but *gluhwein* and turkey are always de rigueur.

Staying afloat all winter on the east coast rivers offers a special hazard: ice damage. The rivers seldom freeze, but during the hardest months of February and March great sheets of ice form on the shallow pools of the saltings and marshes. Spring tides lift and float these sheets and carry them on the strong ebb downriver, where their razor edges can slice through a yacht's planking at the waterline. Glassfibre topsides are no less vulnerable.

Further north, marinas are changing the face of yachting. At Rhu, the only marina on the north shore of the Clyde, pontoon berthing has extended the yachting season by three months. According to Nick Stratton, sales manager, the change in habits has spawned special racing series in what used to be the closed season, with the hardy few sailing up to Christmas.

But no one, Stratton says, sails on the Clyde in January, February or March: "The weather sees to that – and the usual winter pursuits. Join the queue for the ski-lift at Glencoe of a winter weekend and you find yourself beside the same people you queued alongside all summer, for the launch at the Royal Northern and Clyde jetty."

On the south coast, with its proliferation of marinas, yacht clubs and good and sheltered sailing waters, the absentee yacht owner requires a different sort of service, says Steve Mehlmann, senior refit manager of the Berthon Boat Company at Lymington.

"Seventy-five per cent of our owners now keep their boats afloat all year round," he points out. "Some want the boat merely taken out of commission – a dehumidifier installed in the saloon, batteries put on charge, that order of maintenance. Some want full 'winterization' afloat: engine drained, tanks emptied, pipework disconnected, and so on.

"And a few still require full lay-up ashore, with the yacht lifted out and shored in a solid steel cradle if the mast is to be left standing. We insist now on owners having proper cradles made for their yachts if they are going to lay-up ashore properly. Last autumn's hurricane taught us all a thing or two. We were lucky, but many yards suffered dreadful damage."

Mehlmann's approach is rigorous. An owner putting his yacht into the Berthon's care is presented with a four-page, 87-item order form to fill in, detailing his requirements on everything, from what to do with the dinghy's outboard to what colour to repaint the yacht. Safety is paramount. Navigational gear is stripped and checked, flares checked for time-expiry and the liferaft checked and serviced.

Mehlmann sees "his" yachts as a trainer sees "his" race horses. He likes owners to leave the yacht in his yard's care, and pay the bill. Extra winter costs can run to £2,000 for a big yacht.

"Generally, we reckon any well-maintained yacht will cost about 10 per cent of her value in annual upkeep," says Mehlmann, "of which 10 per cent is likely to be the lay-up cost – in other words, about 1 per cent of the value of the yacht each year. Not a lot, is it?"

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The all-important annual check-up: Tony Staton-Bevan, yacht surveyor, checks a propeller for corrosion (top), and checks a glass fibre hull with a moisture meter (above) at the Berthon yard at Lymington, home to some of the country's top offshore racing yachts. Some owners still require full winter lay-up ashore in a solid steel cradle (right)

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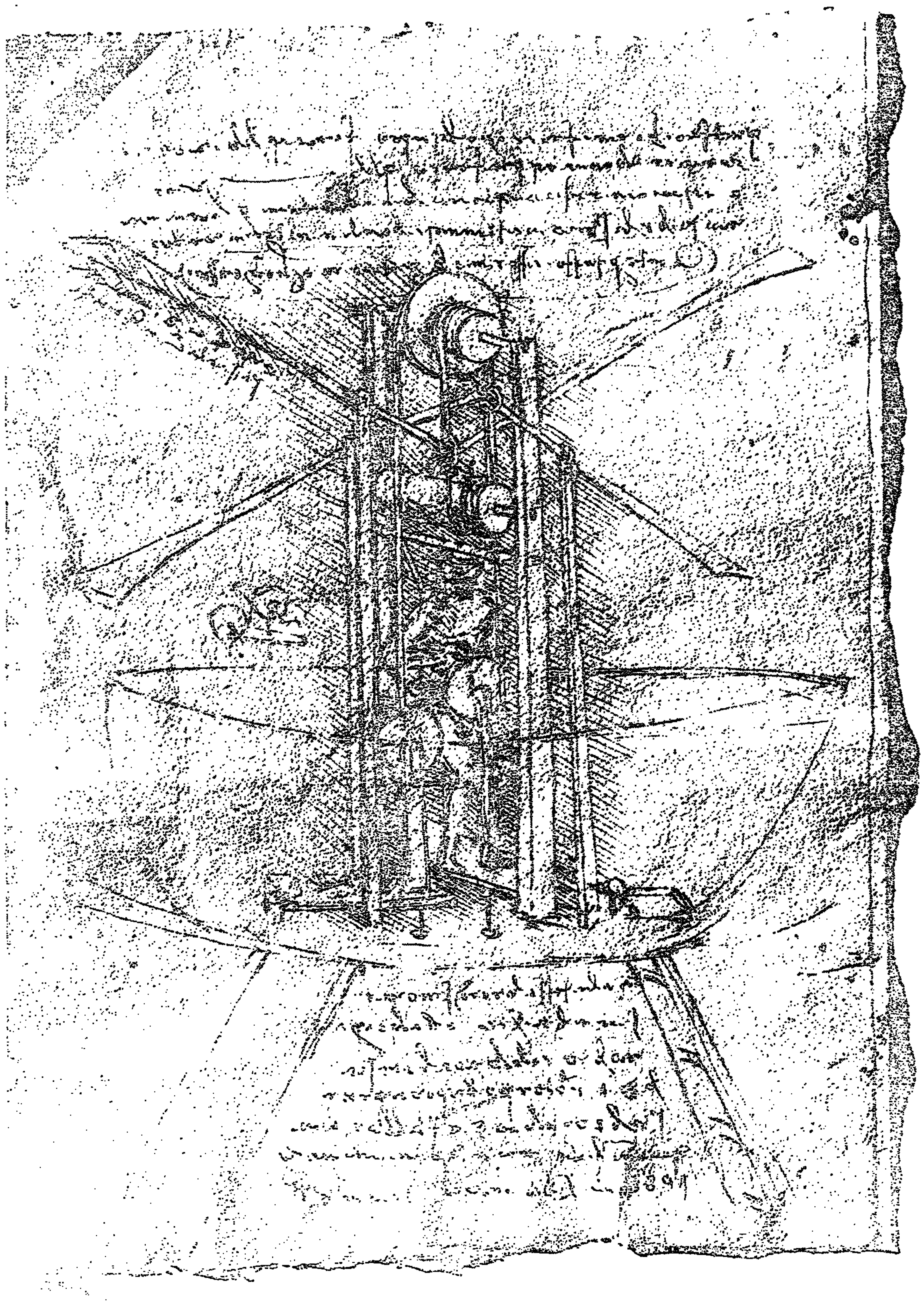

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